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Stadium lawsuit dismissed: path cleared for bonds

Officials are awaiting the word from their lawyers, but believe ballpark construction will begin

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Baseball promoters and West Sacramento officials breathed a sigh of relief last Thursday, as Yolo County Judge Timothy Fall ruled against a lawsuit brought against the city's ballpark project by attorney John Latini and the "Friends of Sacramento."

"You can never count on anything involving additional legal hurdles," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon yesterday. "But we're at a point where we can be assured baseball is coming."

Latini had asked Superior Court Judge Fall to allow him to amend the environmental lawsuit in order to add individual names to the plaintiff list. He hoped to overcome an apparent flaw in the lawsuit. Originally naming only the "Friends of Sacramento" as plaintiff, Latini was not able to convince the court that the people behind the lawsuit had already used all available administrative remedies concerning the ballpark issue. Latini did not convince Judge Fall that the clients who had testified against the ballpark to the planning commission and city council were the same entity as the "Friends of Sacramento" which later filed the lawsuit.

But Judge Fall said "no" – formally and finally – to the modification in Thursday's decision. He also gave reasons why the lawsuit should be denied based on its environmental arguments.

Latini could still appeal Judge Fall's decision. But Mayor Cabaldon said he felt the threat posed by an appeal was relatively small. With Judge Fall's decision last week, said Cabaldon, a Joint Powers Authority consisting of Sacramento County, Yolo County and West Sacramento could proceed with selling $40 million in bonds to help River City Baseball build the new Triple-A baseball stadium on the West Sacramento waterfront.

"It's still possible to sell bonds, with insurance, even in the face of an appeal," said Cabaldon. "In this case, with the strength of the judge's opinion not only on the request to amend the lawsuit, but on the environmental merits, the sale should be possible."

Team owner Art Savage has already bought the Vancouver Canadians AAA baseball team and plans to bring it to West Sacramento next year to play as the Pacific Coast League affiliate of the Oakland A's major league team.

But after the delay caused by the litigation, can the 10,000-seat stadium still be built in time for games in April of next year?

"I still firmly believe April is an achievable date," said Cabaldon.

Judge Fall's decision, in denying Latini a chance to amend his complaint, stated that "'Friends' simply failed to name the right party as petitioner." But even if Latini were allowed to proceed with the lawsuit, the judge continued, it was doomed to fail. He disputed the "Friends'" contention that the evidence demanded a new environmental impact report (EIR) for the stadium. If the city had "substantial" reasons to decide against requiring an EIR, the judge ruled, then the city was within its rights to do so.

"Just because Friends and the proposed new petitioners dispute this evidence does not mean that it is not substantial," Judge Fall wrote. "Factual controversy and conflicting assertions do not require the preparation of an EIR."

Latini has not returned phone calls from the *News-Ledger*.

BridgeFest '99

Thousands enjoyed "BridgeFest '99," West Sacramento's third annual festival of food, fun and fireworks Friday evening at city hall and the Daniel C. Palamidessi Bridge.

Food booths, live music and a bridge closed so that pedestrians could enjoy the pyrotechnics all contributed to the event. Private sponsors joined the city and its chamber of commerce in organizing the show.

"I'm not very good at counting large crowds, but I'm sure we had as many people as we did the first two years," said Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. "Everybody comes to just hang out with their friends."

Next year, the city hall building and parking lot might not be available for the event, as city hall expects to move to a West Capitol location. But Cabaldon said he hopes to keep the pre-Independence Day fireworks show at the bridge.

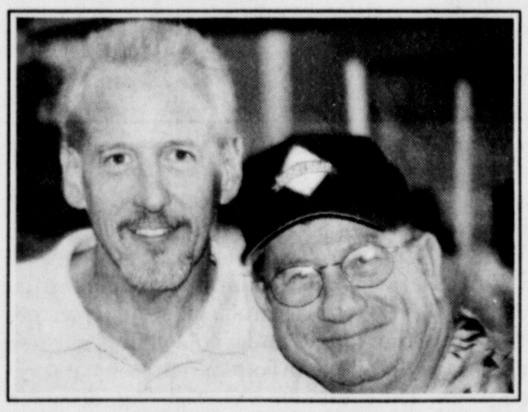
"I still want to see it at the same location," he said. "We want to be doing some activities at the riverfront and (planned) new stadium, but BridgeFest is not your standard fireworks thing. There is something about it being at that bridge."



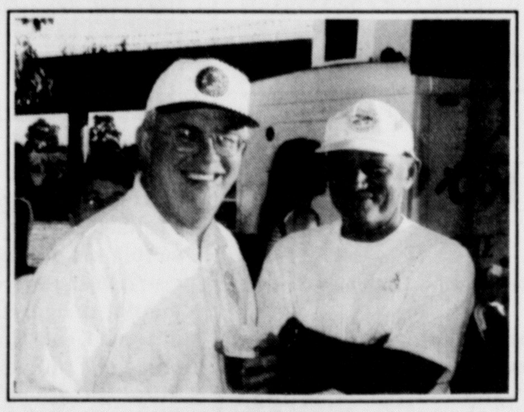
KAREN BURKETT finds the beat to the live music
Photo courtesy of Art Schroeder



CITY HALL'S PARKING LOT at 2101 Stone Blvd., headquarters for the festival
Photo courtesy of Art Schroeder



CITY COUNCILMAN GREG POTNICK with COUNTY SUPERVISOR & DRUMMER MIKE McGOWAN
Photo courtesy of Barry Blacklaw



CITY MANAGER JOE GOEDEN with his assistant, LARRY VON KAENEL
Photo by Daryl Fisher

Concrete plant lawsuit: couple says constitutional rights were violated by council

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Officials have denied property owners were denied proper consideration

The proponents of a concrete and asphalt recycling plant on 15th St. in West Sacramento have sued the city over its decision to deny a permit to the plant.

Anthony and Kellie Alegre filed the lawsuit last month alleging that the decision was "arbitrary and capricious," "constituted an abuse of discretion" and was "unsupported by substantial evidence." They claim that the city violated their constitutional rights of due process and equal protection, and that the decision also violated environmental law.

The lawsuit surrounds a 7.57-acre parcel purchased by the Alegres near Jefferson Blvd. and South River Road, and for which they requested a conditional use permit for the plant. Denied by the planning commission, a 3-2 vote of the city council later approved the permit. But citizens and developers protested, and the council later reversed itself, voting 4-1 against the permit without holding a new hearing.

The lawsuit alleges that city staff assured the Alegres that the concrete and asphalt plant would be allowed by the city, and that the couple then purchased the property.

It asks Yolo County's Superior Court to "reconsider and to issue a Conditional Use Permit" to the Alegres.

City officials earlier denied that city staff assured the Alegres that the planning commission would issue a permit for the plant.

When the permit was denied by the city council May 12, councilman Jim Cahill voted against the denial. Mayor Christopher Cabaldon joined colleagues Greg Potnick, Bill Kristoff and Mark Montemayor against the plant.

Elementary school boundaries pondered

The school board on Thursday will consider creating a task force to make recommendations on how to adjust boundaries for attendance at the different elementary schools in West Sacramento.

Washington Unified officials had proposed adjusting the boundaries affecting Elkhorn and Evergreen elementary schools – moving about 60 to 80 students from Elkhorn to Evergreen. But parental opposition and a June 16 workshop with affected residents led to a possible change of plan.

WUSD staff now proposes that the school board form a 33-member task force including teachers, parents, administrators and school board members, to study the elementary school boundary across the district.

The board is being asked to hold current attendance boundaries as they are through the 1999-2000 school year while the task force develops its recommendations.

The school board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the city council chambers, 2101 Stone Blvd., West Sacramento.

Sac/West Sac meeting

The city councils of Sacramento and West Sacramento are tentatively planning to hold their first ever joint meeting on Tuesday, July 27, in West Sacramento. Meeting time and agenda details have not been formalized, but riverfront issues are expected to be discussed.

County reports growing tax rolls

West Sacramento's assessed value increases by 6.51 percent

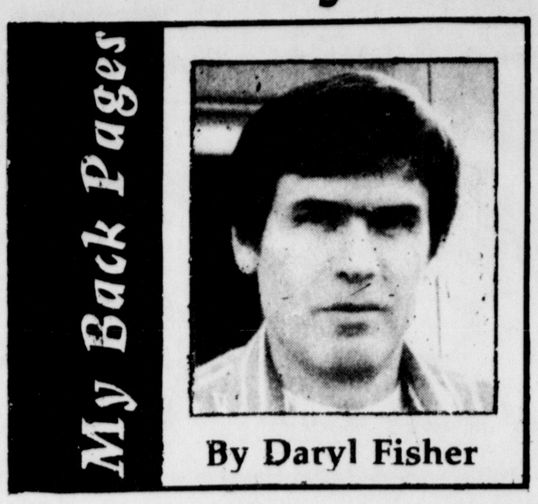
Yolo County Assessor Dick Fisher has announced that the 1999 local assessment roll of 9.06 billion dollars reflects a 6.91 percent increase over the 1998 roll.

"This increase is the highest the county has witnessed since 1992," said Fisher's office, "and much of it can be attributed to a turnaround in the economy resulting in increases in values, new construction and property transfers."

The city of Davis experienced a 9.45 percent growth rate (to $2.9 billion); West Sacramento grew 6.51 percent (to $1.95 billion); the unincorporated areas grew 6.26 percent (to $1.67 billion); Woodland grew 4.94 percent (to $2.33 billion); and Winters grew 2.85 percent (to $209 million).

Recalling the friendly confines of old Nichols Field

Editor's note: Daryl is on summer vacation from column writing for the next few weeks. What follows is one of his favorites from the past.



It's not even the dog days of August yet and my three vacationing-from-school sons have announced they are already suffering from an advanced case of boredom.

"There's nothing to do, Dad," moaned my middle son, Paul, as he hung almost lifelessly off my favorite rocking chair while I typed away at my computer a few feet away from him.

"Even school is better than just sitting around the house doing nothing," added my oldest son, Ty, who was sprawled out on the floor below Paul's dangling legs, half-heartedly playing a game of solitaire.

"Well, you could both go and clean up your rooms," I suggested, having waded through them a few hours earlier, stepping on almost every article of clothing they possess in the process.

"But we hate cleaning our rooms," interjected my youngest son, Kyle, as he once again strolled right through the middle of Ty's card game, obviously hoping to get his brother angry enough to chase him.

"Knock it off, Kyle!" yelled Ty as he gathered up the cards Kyle had kicked and then took a swing at his brother, landing a glancing blow on his leg.

Kyle, however, cried out like he had just been beat to a pulp by Muhammad Ali himself in his prime. "Daddy," he screamed, "Ty hit me again!"

"He's lucky I didn't really clobber him good!" shouted Ty.

"Please don't hit your brother, Ty," I mumbled, my mind on other things.

"He's just faking it, anyway," Paul assured me, "just like he always does."

"I'm not either faking it, Paul!" yelled Kyle, as he ran over and gave Paul one of his patented Ninja Turtle karate chops.

As Paul and Kyle wrestled around on the chair next to me, I had had it. "Would all three of you just knock it off! I'm trying to hear myself think here!"

"But we're bored to death, Dad," said Ty. "Can't you tell?"

"Well, who died and put me in charge of your summer vacation?" I asked.

"What's that mean?" asked Paul.

"It means that if you're bored, it's your problem, not mine, and that you're all old enough to find ways to entertain yourselves."

"Like how?" asked Ty.

"I don't know. Go in your room and watch TV or something," I suggested.

"But there's nothing on at this time of day," said Paul. "Just all those stupid talk shows and soap operas."

"Then how about reading a good book?"

"Right, Dad," said Ty with a look of disbelief, having long been a firm believer that all books ought to have a warning label on them which says, "Reading during one's summer vacation can be harmful to your health."

"Here's a radical thought," I said. "Why don't all three of you go outside and actually get some exercise? There's a big playground right down the street. Go shoot some hoop, or play some baseball."

"But it's too hot to do that," said Ty.

"Yeah," agreed Paul, looking at me like I was one of those fathers who regularly practices child abuse, "it's 100 degrees out there!"

"That never stopped me and my friends when I was your age," I said. "In fact, we used to play sock ball from sunrise to sundown, all summer long."

"What in the world is sock ball?" asked Ty with a smile.

"Well," I tried to explain, "when I was your age, me and most of my friends didn't have enough money to buy a real baseball, so we made our own -- out of socks. Then we'd go over to the school, line up all our bicycles for an outfield fence, and see who could hit the most home runs."

All three of my sons suddenly burst out in laughter at the same time, but Paul managed to ask, "How far could you hit a dirty old sock?"

"It depended on who made it," I said. "An old friend of mine named Billy Nichols was really good at it. He'd tie one sock into a hard knot, use that as the center, and then shove it into another sock and keep wrapping it back on itself and tying it down with rubber bands until it was rock-hard and the size of a regular baseball."

"He's just making that up," Paul said to Ty, already bored with yet another one of my youthful reminiscences. "Come on, Ty, let's go play Super Battletank."

As my sons strolled into Paul's bedroom and fired up their newest video game, I couldn't help thinking how much growing up has changed since I was their age. I mean, my friends and I used to actually spend time out in the fresh air, running, jumping, and playing games, even if we had to make them up ourselves.

And I suddenly found myself wishing that there was some way the clock could be turned back and that all three of my sons could enjoy just one full summer day of knocking a sock ball around the friendly confines of old Nichols' Field (Billy's backyard), where the fences were short, the ball really carried well, and I could hardly wait to take a swing at one of Billy's hanging curve balls.

Saving box tops nets $200 for local school

Holy Cross Elementary School students and their supporters saved General Mills boxtops to earn more than $200 for the school.

The school's kindergarten class collected the most box tops, and the first grade came up with the idea of making a "reading corner" with cereal boxes used in the contest.

The school welcomes General Mills box top donations for the next campaign. They can be brought to the school office or mailed to Holy Cross School, 800 Todhunter Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605. For information, call 371-1313.



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SUP. TOM STALLARD with Secretary of State BILL JONES

Yolo County Supervisor Tom Stallard, whose district represents part of Woodland and the northwest part of West Sacramento, delivered the newly redesigned Yolo County flag to the office of California Secretary of State Bill Jones last week. The flag will be displayed with those of California's other 57 counties in the rotunda of the secretary of state's office.

Central figure on the flag is Ceres, Greek goddess of agriculture. A blue stripe along the top represents Yolo's moderate climate and a golden brown stripe on the bottom represents its productive soil. The flag, designed by Sue Handley, is modeled after the original county flag stored in the county archives.

Designer Handley is a former secretary for the county's agricultural commissioner.

"I'm so pleased to have Yolo County's flag join the other counties' (flags) at the Secretary of State's office," said Stallard. "It serves as a beautiful symbol of our community and the Board of Supervisors is proud to share it with all Californians."

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Obituaries

August "Gus" Vieceli

Arrangements are underway for services for August "Gus" Vieceli, who died July 2, 1999. Mr. Vieceli was superintendent of the Washington Unified School District for about 20 years, ending in 1988. His death was due to complications from recent surgery.

Mr. Vieceli more recently was a part-time faculty member at the National University. In his retirement, he enjoyed painting and his works were once displayed at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library in West Sacramento.

Mr. Vieceli and his wife Hazel resided in Placerville at the time of his death. Besides his wife, he is survived by children Richard and Angela, and by two grandchildren. Arrangements are directed by Green Valley Mortuary of Rescue, Calif.

Edna Marie (Kerndt) Stucky

Edna Marie (Kerndt) Stucky died June 27, 1999.

A North Dakota native, she married Frank Wells Stucky and the couple moved to South Sacramento and operated Stucky's Hardware Store with Frank's father and brothers. The West Sacramento store opened in 1949 and operated until 1966.

In 1962, the family moved to West Sacramento. Mrs. Stucky cared for her husband, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, until his death in 1966. She later helped set up Koerwitz Realty and was employed there until retiring in 1982, at age 70.

Her retirement years included activity in the Business and Professional Women's Club in West Sacramento, reading the classics, playing the piano, enjoying bridge clubs and time with her daughter Arlene.

She is survived by her daughter, Arlene Clark of San Jose; by sister Dorothy Kohnke of Wyoming; by niece Nancy Caudle of West Sacramento, and by numerous friends and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1500 Park Blvd., on Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Mercy Hospice, or the charity of choice.

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SPORTS

Sports Insider

By Richard Novoa

The USA Women's World Cup team did it - they reached one of the their team goals - 1999 World Cup finals! The US fought off a strong Brazilian team to win 2-0 before one of the largest crowds to ever witness a women's only sport. A total of 73,123 loud and wild soccer fans crowded in Stanford Stadium on the 4th of July to witness the USA team continue their march to Pasadena for the World Cup trophy. The current record is 78,972 on June 19 when the USA opened the Women's World Cup tournament at Giants Stadium in New Jersey. Look for that record to be crushed at the Rose Bowl, where the seating capacity can reach 100,000! The bad news is their opponent will be the Chinese team , who shocked the defending champion Norway 5-0 in Landover, Md., to win their spot in the final on Saturday, July 10 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

China has a 2-1 record against the United States this year. They last met April 25 at Giants Stadium, where China won the game 2-1. This won't be a picnic for the US women, who have trailed in games against Nigeria and Germany in the tounament. China has outscored their opponents 19-2 in going 5-0 in the tournament. A World Cup doubleheader is set to start at 10:30 a.m. with Norway and Brazil fighting for the third place trophy, then at 12:50 p.m. the USA and China will battle for the bragging rights as the best women players in the world. My prediction - USA 3 - China 2 , in overtime!

The Giants (47-36) are at the halfway point of the season and are still hanging on to first play in the West. The Giants traveled to Hollywood over the Independence Day holiday weekend and took two of three games from the last place Dodgers. The Giants are finishing up their road trip in San Diego before they return to 3Com Park for a weekend series against Mark McGuire and the St. Louis Cardinals. The game to attend will be on Sunday, July 11, where the Giants will honor Orlando Cepeda for his Hall of Fame induction.

The A's (40-42), who are playing good ball, are at home entertaining the division leading Rangers. The A's will hit the road on Friday to play a three game set before the All-Star game against Arizona. The 1999 All-Star game will be played on Tuesday, July 13 at Fenway Park in Boston.

West Sacramento has a new boxing champion in Willie Jorrin! The undefeated fighter pounded out a split decision over the N.A.B.F Champion Aristead Clayton last Friday before a home town crowd of 1,400 at the Radisson Hotel. Jorrin dominated the champion from the beginning of fight to the very end of their 12 round bout. The bout wasn't even close but the judge from Louisiana scored the fight 114-112 for his home town boy. The two California judges scored the bout 118-109 and 117-110 in favor of Jorrin. Clayton, who was knocked down and battered in every round, even admitted to the press that he lost the fight fair and square. Needless to say the referee from New Orleans, who took a verbal abuse from the local fans, needed two security guards to escort him from ringside, a little bit of Northern Comfort for our Southern friend.

The best part of the event was watching Willie win his first title belt before his family, friends and a worldwide audience of boxing fans on ESPN2. It's on to the World title and Erik Morales. Congratulations Willie - the new North American Boxing Federation Champion!! See ya next week!!

Washington & West Sac All-Stars getting ready for tournament play

Little League All-Star tournament baseball has begun for both the West Sacramento Little League and the Washington Little League All-Stars.

The West Sacramento Little League 9/10-year-old All-Stars played the Washington Little League 9/10-year-old All-Stars last night in Rio Linda, after the News-Ledger had gone to press. The winner will play either Town & Country or Sierra on July 8 at 6 p.m. at Rio Linda.

On July 7, the Washington Little League 11/12-year-old All-Stars will play McClellan at Washington, and the West Sacramento Little League 11/12-year-old All-Stars will play Grant at West Sacramento. Both games start at 6 p.m. and the winners will meet on July 9 at 6 p.m. at Washington.

On July 9, the West Sacramento Little League 13/14-year-old All-Stars will play Rio Linda at 5:30 p.m. at West Sacramento and the Washington Little League 13/14-year-old All-Stars will play either McClellan or Sierra at 5 p.m. at Washington.

On July 11, the Washington Little League 15/16-year-old All-Stars will play Rio Linda at 5 p.m. at Rio Linda and the following day, the West Sacramento Little League 15/16-year-old All-Stars will play McClellan at 5:30 p.m., also at Rio Linda.

Yes, we'd be happy to print sports results for your local league. Just call 371-8030 for details.

Public invited to swim meet Saturday

The West Sacramento Dolphins will hold an inter-conference meet against the Galt Gators on Saturday, July 10, at the River City High School pool in West Sacramento. The Dolphins hope for a victory after a tough loss June 26 to Amador.

Saturday's meet begins at 8 a.m., and the public is welcome.

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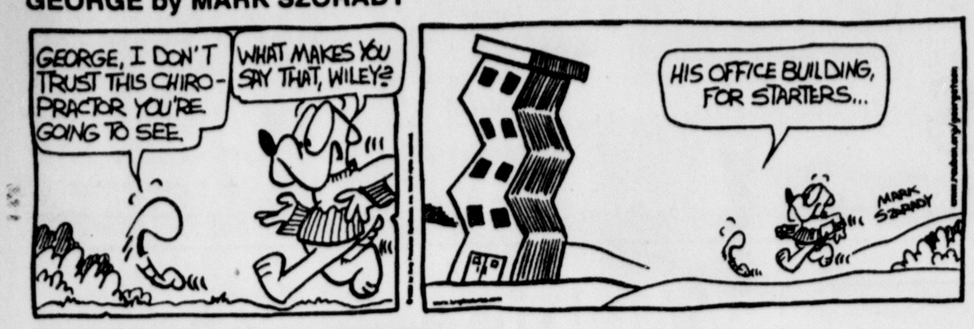
1. Name the last Philadelphia Phillies manager to lead his club to three consecutive Eastern Divisional titles during the 1970s.
2. What number did the legendary Los Angeles Dodger former manager Tommy LaSorda don in the dugout?
3. Can you name the first team Billy Martin ever managed in the majors in 1969?
4. Outside of managing the New York Mets and New York Yankees, what team was Yogi Berra a coach for?
5. Name the first-ever black manager in the major leagues.
6. Name the only manager who was ever in charge of the Philadelphia Phillies, Montreal Expos, Minnesota Twins and California Angels during his 25-year managing career.
7. Name the only two managers of the New York Mets to win a World Series for the franchise.
8. Pete Rose was a great player and manager for the Cincinnati Reds, but can you name two other teams that he played for during his distinguished career?



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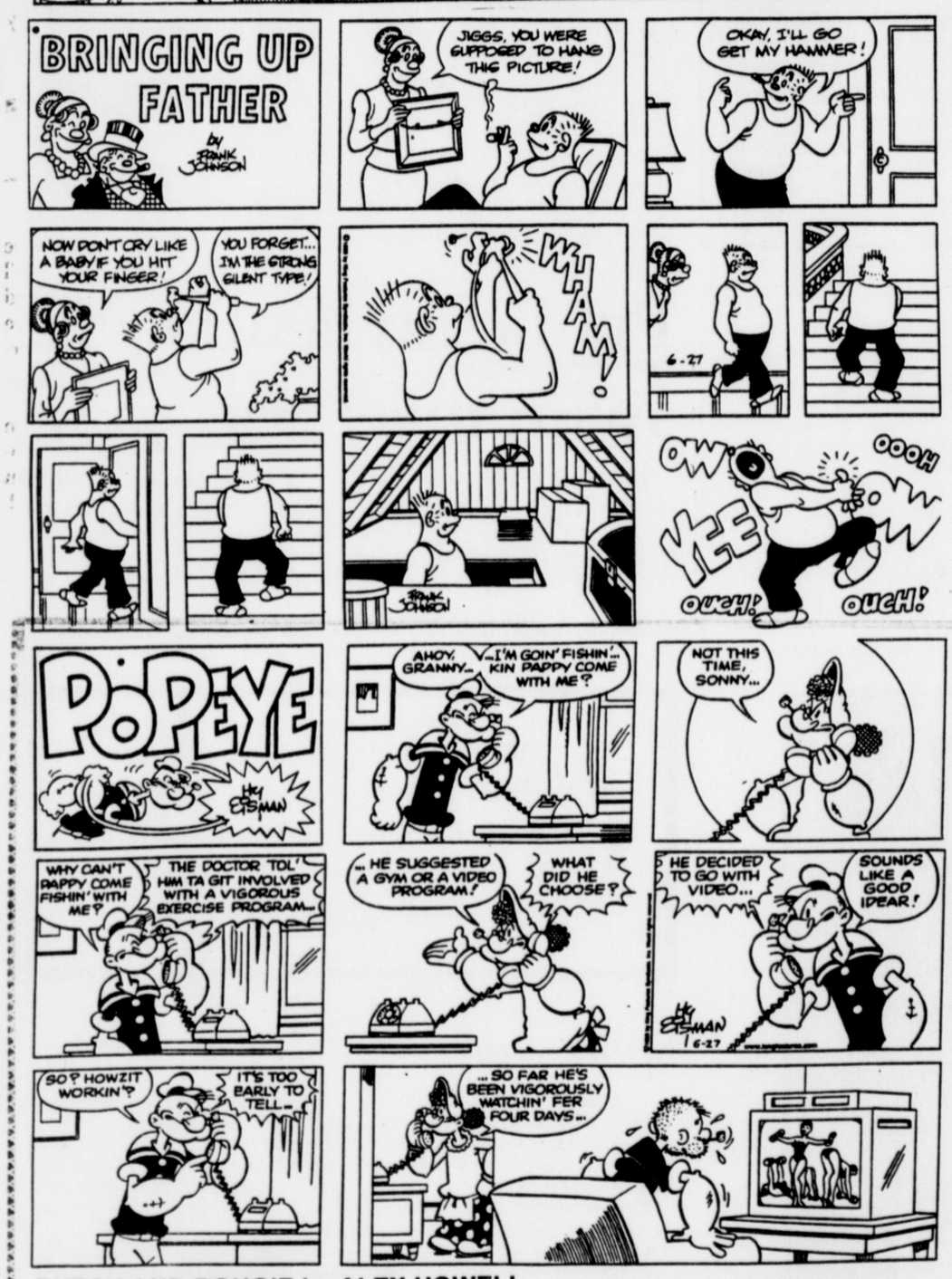


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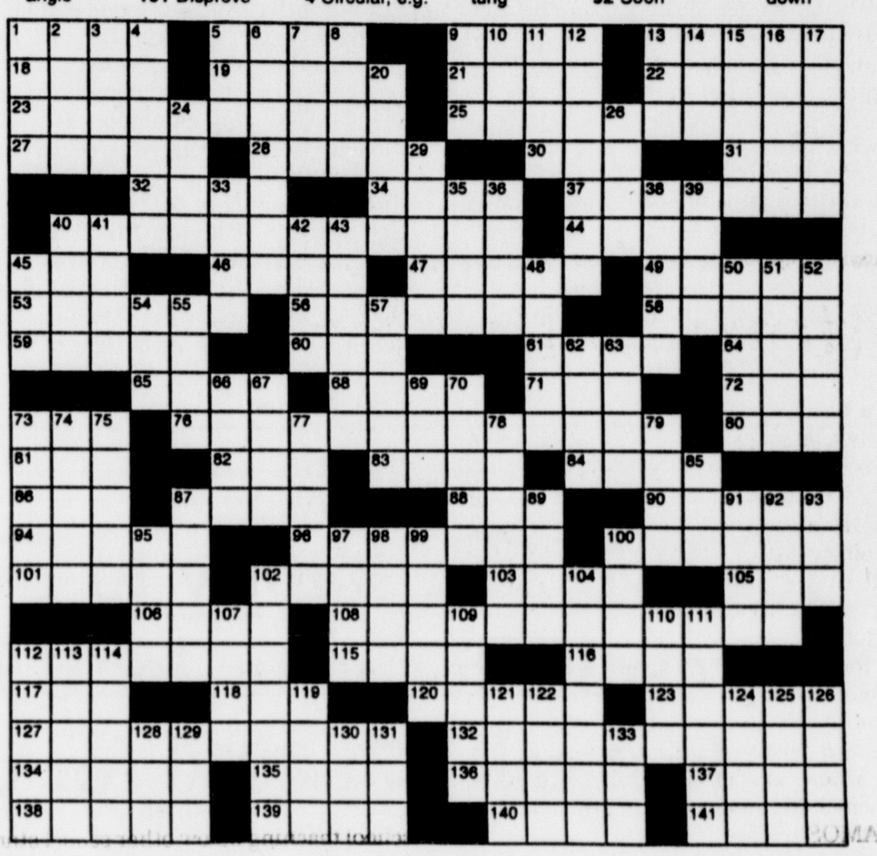




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13 Security grp.
14 "Exodus" protagonist
15 Lox locale
16 __ fell swoop
17 Dressed to the __
20 Get cracking
24 Amaze
26 Cruise
29 Fishermen, frequently
33 Secretary, e.g.
35 Tizzy
36 On __ (nervous)
38 Automaton
39 Word with fry or freeze
40 Merge metals
41 Fateful 15th
42 Father of Enos
43 Pitcher parts
45 Mao __-tung
48 Escort
50 Malice
51 Carve a canyon
52 Brimming
54 Oxford omega
55 Baldwin of "Beetlejuice"
57 Embarrass
62 Wise guy?
63 Comic Carter
66 Baseball family name
67 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
69 AAA offering
70 Carpentry or printing
73 Kiddie-lit pachyderm
74 Take the honey and run
75 Indian viceroy
77 It suits some
78 Overturns
79 Tivoli's Villa d'__
85 Canal zone?
87 Flying Pan?
89 Protection
91 One of the Jacksons
92 Soon
93 Trigger-happy guy?
95 Arnaz's country
97 Craving
98 Author Ephron
99 Stallion sound
100 Nutmeg product
102 Locked a gate
104 Downfall
107 Beam bender
109 Contraction
110 Flat hats
111 ". . . three men __"
112 Bum
113 Buenos __
114 Sanctify
119 Smooth-talking
121 Exchange
122 It may be spare
124 Neighbor of Ecuador
125 Tarries
126 Scrapes by, with "out"
128 Canonized Mile.
129 Gender
130 DDE's veep
131 Low digit
133 Plopped down



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

At ease	Curtsy	Lie down	Stand
Attention	Genuflect	Prone	Stoop
Bow	Kneel	Relax	Stretch
Crouch	Lean	Sit	

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Refresher course needed

Some of California's best laws come under the heading of "open meeting laws," which require that the elected officials of our cities, school districts and other agencies conduct their business in public. In short, the laws require that whenever a quorum of an elected body (enough bodies to take an action) meets to discuss official business, it must do so in public with advance notice.

Three members of the city council, for example, would be breaking the law if they met privately in a living room to discuss a development deal. Three members of the school board cannot talk on the phone to each other about whether to fire a superintendent. Neither the council nor the school board is supposed to discuss a business matter not first placed on an advance agenda.

These are examples of blatant disregard for the open meeting laws of California. Less blatant transgressions can happen too: the agenda description of a business item may be incomplete, meaning that when a city council discusses an item, the public has not had "proper" notice according to the law. A subject not on the agenda may come up when a school board is in closed session, and the board may share a few comments about it when they are supposed to. A "retreat" of elected officials at some resort location, intended to teach them "teamwork" and "communication" skills, may lead to chats about official business by a quorum sharing a hotel dining table.

Intentionally thwarting the open meeting laws can be a misdemeanor – nearly impossible to prosecute, since the intent of the violators must be proved. Lesser mistakes can be a "civil" violation of the law. When discovered, these mistakes are to be "cured" often with a re-hearing of the contested subject matter under properly public conditions.

Violation of these laws is known to be fairly commonplace in California. These violations are often most frequent when you have a "block" of elected officials who are closely allied to each other; the temptation to meet in a group privately or share phone calls among a quorum is hard for these close compatriots to resist. The public needs to be vigilant to try to keep this kind of thing from happening, and elected officials need to be vigilant as well. The goal is to see that elected officials make their decisions at public meetings, with public input, instead of settling our business with a "serial" phone call or an old-fashioned backroom deal.

Sometimes this vigilance is present and obvious: if you observe the members of the city council or planning commission during a recess in their meetings, for example, you'll notice that they never clump together in a group large enough to form a quorum. If two council members are speaking with someone in a council chambers aisle, for example, a third will not join them.

But in less obvious situations, the vigilance is often lacking.

The Washington Unified School District in particular has experienced publicized, minor failures of compliance with the open meeting laws several times in recent years, and is not adequately concerned with "curing" these problems once discovered. These problems have not resulted from a willful effort to deceive the public, but they are nevertheless damaging.

Perhaps it is time for district officials to hold a workshop on their responsibilities under the open meeting laws, and to set a higher priority on complying.

Letters to the Editor

Salute to teacher

As the Salutatorian of the Class of 1969 when River City High School was known as James Marshall, I thoroughly enjoyed reading Aaron Potnick's 1999 address (*News-Ledger*, June 23). In expressing gratitude to his teachers for knowledge and skills they imparted, a name, Mr. Engoron, caught my eye. He has been inspiring and mentoring River City and James Marshall students for more than 30 years, including myself and many members of the Class of '69. We thank you, Mr. Engoron, not only for what you did for us, but for thousands of others who have followed, whose student days and future lives were enriched and inspired by a great teacher.

KENT RAMOS
West Sacramento

Arsenic surprise

How come they didn't find the arsenic until now? Newport Estates (*News-Ledger*, June 23) has been in the planning process for well over one year and the soil was never analyzed before? Where are the checks and balances in the permit and planning process? The West Sacramento city planning department approved the development, then the planning commission, and final approval came from the city council with construction due to start this week.

Again, I must express my disappointment in our city's rush to development. Were there no soil inspections built into the process? Can development be approved without requiring some tests for soil contamination? What else could be wrong in any projected developments and just not discovered yet? What about the produce which is grown in those fields. Our children eat tomatoes grown there. Are they at risk?

MARGARET YUTZY
West Sacramento

Questioning test scores

I am writing in regards to the Stanford Achievement Test given to students at Westmore Oaks Elementary. My son was on the honor roll yet he scored well below average on the test. I am simply astounded that a child that gets A's and B's throughout the year could get such low scores on this test. Could you please investigate and print the average scores for all the classes in the Washington Unified School District. I am curious to know if other honor roll students also scored low on this test. What does this say about the standards of teaching when this happens? Is the school teaching below other school standards? Do I need to move in order to have my son catch up with other kids his age? I am very concerned and would like to know if other parents feel the same way.

ANGELA PETERSON
West Sacramento

Sewage detour through West Sac?

On Monday, July 12, 1999, at 6 p.m., a public hearing will be held at West Sac city hall and the topic will be "Sacramento sewage detour through West Sac."

If an agreement can be reached by both sides, the main advantage for Sacramento will be that of not having to tear up its streets to enlarge their sewer pipes, etc., and the main benefit for West Sac will be that of not having to enlarge its present sewage treatment plant (or build another one) as the goal would be to go south and back across the river to hook up to the Elk Grove plant, which has considerable excess treatment capacity. (Sacramento is expanding its Natomas development and West Sac plans to expand its Southport development).

While this makes sense "on the surface", the main concern of this writer is that if we become part of the larger Sacramento process, "What guarantee does West Sac have that Sacramento won't use its board majority to prevent West Sac from attracting new development 'because the Elk Grove plant does not have the sewage treatment capacity, but somehow has it for Sacramento?'"

If we can answer that question, other bargaining chip ideas remain: (1) Sacramento probably still wants to run an I-5 bypass through West Sac to alleviate peak hour congestion; (2) West Sac should still have another overpass to/from Sacramento in its Southport area -- this would reduce vehicle smog for both sides; and (3) The Sac Int'l Airport/YoloBus agreement should be modified and extended with friendlier and less expensive terms for YoloBus providing the public bus service ($1.00 each way!) for both sides.

Another public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on July 13 at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street in Sacramento. See you at one of these meetings and bring your ideas. And, yes, cooperation is a two-way street.

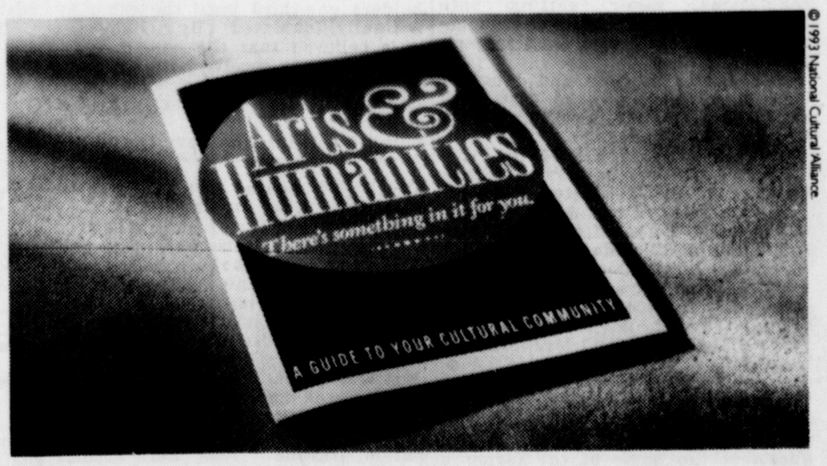
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PAGE FROM THE PAST

WASHINGTON SOCIETY NOTES

The Sacramento river registered 6 feet 5 inches, U. S. gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday. This is a fall of over six feet since last week, with the probability that a further fall in the gauge will be noted from now on until the first rains. During the past few days it has been noticeable that the tide from the Bay has been making itself felt at the Sacramento river gauge. Never before was this known with the gauge standing at anything over four feet and is an indication that the uncorking of the Sacramento river now being done at Collinsville is helping the channel of the stream to a marked extent.

J. Nickless has been spending the past week in the Sutter Basin. The grain harvest in that locality is now in full swing so that trucks are greatly in need to convey the grain to the warehouses and railroads. Nickless is an expert truckman.

August Brietzke has been at Tracy during the past week harvesting the wheat on one thousand acres of land he owns in that locality. He has taken along several of the local boys to help him in the operation.

The salmon "run" on the Sacramento river noted in last week's issue of the Independent-Leader, died down suddenly during the past few days. Only a few salmon are being taken now but there are lots of bass biting the hooks of anglers near the mouth of the American river.

Mrs. J. Andrews and children, with Mrs. Clarence Andrews and children of Oakland, spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. J. N. Bennetts, and also visited at the Robbens home on Third street.

Ed Wilson and family were down from Pleasant Grove to spend the Fourth with friends in Washington.

Word was received yesterday from Ben Moss that he had greatly recovered from a severe spell of hemorrhages of the nose at Lake Tahoe. During a few days his condition was considered serious and his relatives made a hurried visit to his bedside in an effort to help him.

Judge Barry's court turned into the county treasury last month the exact amount of his salary, namely $65.00. The amount was collected in fines from law-breakers who transgressed on State and County ordinances.

E. L. Blackington, who has been confined to the Woodland Hospital during the past two weeks, is reported to be progressing nicely although a fractured leg and a broken kneecap are painful injuries, sustained through the kick of a horse. Advanced in years Blackington will not likely return to his home for some time.

E. Wilson, who has been confined in the Woodland Hospital during the past two weeks, is greatly improved and expects to be home in a few days.

Miss Pearl Curry and Mrs. Olga Machado went to Fairfield last Monday to visit Mrs. Farbina, a sister of Mrs. Machado. Mrs. Farbino is now at the Caffero home to stay a week or more with her parents.

Tom Robinson, a member of the force at the Beale Grocery Store, has gone to Santa Cruz for a vacation of two weeks. Tom is a favorite with the ladies and is extremely fond of swimming.

Considerable renovation has been made of late to the Caffero home on Third street. Lately it was repainted and renovated with several other improvements.

Contrary to statements made in some of the Sacramento papers, the Cavilli girl, who got in trouble with the police over forged checks and other misdemeanors, is not a resident of Riverbank but was a resident of the Natomas District. Riverbank young ladies are very jealous of their reputations, never getting into trouble of any kind and always behaving themselves in a most respectable manner.

Mrs. Lottie Mathena and daughter have been guests for the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cranage in Oak Park.

Alfred Caffero returned to Pittsburg, Cal., after a holiday visit with his parents in Washington.

Frank Jones returned to his home in Globe, Arizona, after spending a few days in Washington with his sister, Mrs. O. P. Cook.

Albert Eddy has returned from Pittsburg, Cal., where he was employed.

Mrs. Curtis Ford and Mrs. William Gordon have left for Baraboo, Wisconsin, to attend funeral services for the late Mrs. Ann Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clifton arrived this week from New York and are guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Clifton. Frank Clifton was one of twenty-six young men listed in 1916 as members of the crew of the U. S. S. Huntington. This is his first visit home since his enlistment. His marriage took place two years ago in New York. Mrs. Ella Muhm, sister of Clifton, came up from San Francisco to spend the holiday and remained over the fourth.

Miss Ethel Cook returned from San Francisco to spend the Summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cook. She has been engaged as a teacher in the Napa schools for the next term.

Ed. Moss, E. J. Flint and Mrs. J. N. Peterson returned from Lake Tahoe, where they went to be with Ben Moss, who is seriously ill. Mrs. E. J. Flint and daughter remained to aid in caring for him.

Mrs. Clarence Painter is visiting relatives in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Colbert entertained last Monday evening at a lawn party at their home. The lawn was prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns. The evening was spent with music and refreshments were served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edenhofer and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McKinley of Oak Park, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Urhart and William Harrison of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Speicher and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steuben were members of a picnic party Sunday in the Putah Creek Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eugene returned from a visit of a few days in Fallon, Nevada. They were accompanied home by theid granddaughters, Amy and Mildred Hoover.

Raymond Hewett of Newcastle is the guest of Jack Dassonville.

Herman Garber, Jr., has gone to Oakland for a holiday visit.

Mrs. Porter Davis and daughter, Altha, left last Friday for an extended visit in Salem, Oregon.

J. S. Lear was home for a few days' visit over the Fourth. He returned to Caldor last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moser and J. Hisco spent the holiday in San Francisco.

Herman Garber, Jr., returned last Tuesday from a visit in Oakland.

Miss Clarice Talbot, Mrs. Ethel Statum and Mrs. Hazel Harris returned from Lake Tahoe last Tuesday.

New York City has more than five hundred women physicians and surgeons.

Two thousand masseurs are doing similar work there.

In Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Sunday paper is now getting out on Monday because of blue laws.

Hearst is going to publish a Sunday paper just outside the city limits to beat the game.

WEST SACRAMENTO STREET CAR SERVICE DISCONTINUED TODAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The State Railroad Commission has authorized the Sacramento Northern Railway in a decision rendered on July 5th, to discontinue its street car service from Front and M streets to West Sacramento.

Some time ago objections to this discontinuance were made before a member of the Railroad Commission at a meeting held at the Court House in Sacramento.

At that time the claim was made that if the street car service was discontinued owners of property and residents of the district would suffer greatly because, when the West Sacramento Township was sold to private owners promise was made that a street car service would be continued for all time.

The service rendered by the Sacramento Northern was not a paying proposition even from the start, and to help it out the West Sacramento Company agreed in 1913 to make up any deficit that might occur in the cost of operation.

This deficit was paid regularly till about three years ago, but since that time the corporation has failed to pay the bill, with the result that there is now due the Sacramento Northern $7,685.57.

In rendering its decision in San Francisco last Wednesday the Railroad Commission drew attention to the fact that no matter how high a rate might be assessed for street car fare there still remained the impossibility of making up the monthly deficit that occurred.

The question remains as to what action the residents of West Sacramento and the property owners of the district will take concerning the service that was promised them when they bought lots and tracts in the district.

Yesterday notices were posted on the street cars and on the station house at West Sacramento that the service would be discontinued with the last car leaving West Sacramento on Thursday evening, July 6th.

No car went farther west than Front and M streets this morning.

An official of the West Sacramento Company informed the Independent yesterday that arrangements might be made with the North Sacramento jitney to extend its service to West Sacramento if the service warranted the extension.

This remains to be settled.

There is no doubt that the discontinuance of street car service to West Sacramento will inconvenience a number of people who have made their homes there and who bought property there, expecting the service to be continued.

There is a possibility that in the near future the West Sacramento Company may be refinanced and its arrearages paid. Should that be accomplished, it is possible that the street car service may be restored.

In another column of this issue will be found a scheme by which the West Sacramento Company may be placed on its feet again when street car service could be arranged in the future.

REORGANIZATION OF WEST SACRAMENTO PLANNED BY BONDHOLDERS AND STOCKHOLDERS

At a meeting of the bond holders of the West Sacramento Company held in San Francisco last Friday, June 30th, a plan was devised whereby the corporation might be reorganized by a committee of the bond holders under a new form of agreement.

At that meeting the affairs of the company were thoroughly examined, and both committees have unanimously agreed upon the plan. The new agreement is being submitted to the bond holders.

Notices have already been sent out from the San Francisco office advising all bond holders and stockholders of the plan of reorganization.

The plan provides that the depositing bond holders advance sufficient money necessary to take care of taxes and assessments, underlying liens, foreclosure costs and expenses of reorganization, the money so advanced to be repaid to the bond holders out of the first moneys realized from the liquidation of the assets of the company, after which the bond holders will receive an amount equal to 50 per cent of the original par value of the bonds deposited. Further moneys received in liquidation will be distributed two-thirds to the bond holders until the bond holders have received an amount equaling the original par value of their bonds. The distribution will then be reversed, the stockholders receiving two-thirds and the bond holders one-third until the company is finally liquidated. By this method it is believed that the bond holders will ultimately receive both the principal and interest of their bonds, and the stockholders a substantial amount.

Bond holders who have heretofore deposited their bonds with the reorganization committee or signed the bond holders' protective committee's deposit agreement must reassign and deposit their bonds with the Mercantile Trust Company before July 15, under the new agreement.

Bond holders who have not yet deposited their bonds with either committee are urged to deposit them with the Mercantile Trust Company under the new agreement before July 15th.

The agreement shall terminate on August 15, 1922, in the event that less than 60 per cent of the total number of outstanding bonds shall have been deposited under the agreement prior to that date.

The committee is composed of Edward Cebrian, Parker S. Maddux, Phillip I. Manson, J. Peltier and A. K. Tichenor. The secretary is Geo. M. Jones.

Under the above arrangement it is believed that the West Sacramento Company can get back on its feet and liquidate all debts standing against it as well as leave sufficient funds to promote the sale of land still in the hands of the corporation and townsite lots in West Sacramento City.

This has been the aim of the management of the West Sacramento Company for some considerable time.

The corporation has more than enough assets to meet its obligations, but owing to dull times has been unable to realize on those assets.

Thousands of acres still remain unsold and hundreds of lots are standing idle in West Sacramento City that, some day, will be valuable as home sites and business sites when the Sacramento side of the river becomes congested.

GEORGE LAUKEN CALLED BY SUDDEN DEATH YESTERDAY

For many years a resident and farmer of this district of Yolo County, George C. Lauken passed away at the home of his sister yesterday at 1314 Q street.

During the past year Lauken was a resident of Sacramento making his home with relatives, although for many years he farmed near Glide's Landing in West Sacramento.

The immediate cause of his death was heart trouble which confined him to his home during the past two weeks.

He was forty-nine years of age and was apparently in the best of health until overtaken with the trouble that caused his death.

Lauken was the son of the late Michael and Mary Lauken, brother of Mrs. Annie Van Tassel, Mrs. Bertha Ennis, Katherine, Gertrude and Maude Lauken of West Sacramento, Mrs. Sophia Dierssen of San Francisco, Mrs. Louisa Trumpler of Sacramento and the late Carrie Lauken and Mrs. Marguerite H. Muller.

His funeral will be held next Saturday from the funeral parlors of Harry Nauman & Son, 1811 G street. Inderment will be in the family plot at the City Cemetery.

PROHIBITION DOES NOT SEEM TO REDUCE JUVENILE CRIME IN YOLO

Woodland, July 6.—Eight thousand dollars was paid to Dr. L. Welges here today for his residence property, the County of Yolo being the purchaser. It is the intention of the Yolo Supervisors to make a detention home out of the place.

The property is near the Court House and convenient for Probation Officer A. A. Powers. The latter has been asking for a detention place in which to house juvenile prisoners and charges.

A superintendent will be named to have charge.

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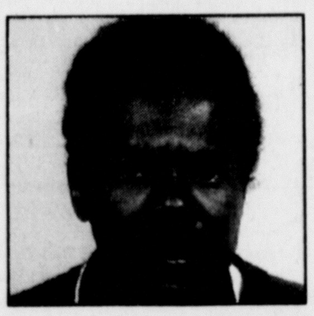
Missing Class of '79 grads:

The reunion committee for River City High School's Class of 1979 is seeking the following classmates in preparation for the upcoming reunion:

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Jaclin Alaskin
Tambi Agres
Kelvin Amegin
Rita Amegin
Robin Amos
Karen Anderson
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Sharon Avis
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Michael Tkachaeff
Partricia Trujillo
Patrick Uhazi
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Fernado Vega
Mary Vela
Frankie Veliz
Vivian Villa
Stan Warren
Cindy Warwich
Tom Webb
Derek Westlake
Ben Wong

Contact RiverCity Reunion, P.O. Box 595, Sloughhouse, CA 95683.

West Sac's Most Wanted



Gregory Leroy Townsend is wanted by the West Sacramento Police Department warrants section (372-2461 ext 226) for driving while under the influence, with special felony enhancements. He is 5' 10" tall, with black hair and brown eyes, and is 47 years old.



Kimberly Ann Joiner is wanted by the West Sacramento Police Department's warrants section (372-2461 ext 226) for violation of probation. She is 31 years old, 5' 2" tall, 110 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.



Donna Mae Littlemoon, age 34, is wanted by the West Sacramento Police Dept. warrants section (372-2461 ext 226) for assault with a deadly weapon. She is 34 years old, 5' 4" tall, 170 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes.



Elton Davone Ford, age 26, is wanted for corporal injury. He is 5' 9" tall, 185 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

If you have any information as to the whereabouts of any of these individuals, please contact the West Sacramento Police Department, Warrants Section, at 372-2461 ext. 226, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

If you know the immediate location of the person outside of normal business hours, please contact the West Sacramento Police Department Dispatch at 375-6474.

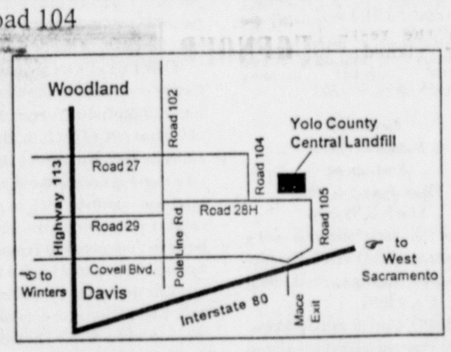
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 99-00987 Loan No. 214695417 Title Order No. 9252650 APN 014352241 FHA # 0435397186703 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/04/95. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 20, 1999, at 12:00 PM, **ARM FINANCIAL CORPORATION** as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 04/11/95 Instrument 95-0007834-00, Book , Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of YOLO County, California, executed by: PAVEL BEDLINSKIY AND ANNA BEDLINSKIY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND ANNA BEDLINSKAYA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AND LYUBOV BEDLINSKIY, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, FLEET MORTGAGE CORP., as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL AT 2101 STONE BLVD., WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: "As more fully described on the above mentioned Deed of Trust". The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1440 ANNA ST, W SACRAMENTO, CA 95605. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $83,680.71 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 06/30/99, **ARM FINANCIAL CORPORATION**, P.O. Box 85309, San Diego, CA 92186-5309, (619) 689-9735 JACK HANCOCK, ASSISTANT SECRETARY NPP0063691 06/30/99, 07/07/99, 07/14/99

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 25, 1999
File No. 99-397

The following person is doing business as Train Pro; Sacred Space; Universal Life Books; Universal Church Supply, 575 Ariel Ct.:

Kevin Bernard Andrews, 575 Ariel Ct., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/24/99.

/s/Kevin Andrews

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Jun 25, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to Public Contractors Code, the city of West Sacramento is soliciting bids for the publication of legal notices for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. Respondents must be a newspaper of general circulation and published locally. The Legal Notice Bid Form, available from the office of the City Clerk, must be filled out in its entirety, sealed in an envelope clearly marked "Publication Bid" and received in the office of the City Clerk, 2101 Stone Blvd., West Sacramento, CA by 3:00 p.m. on July 14, 1999. Substantiating information must also be included in the same envelope. The city of West Sacramento reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

July 7 14



In a deck of playing cards, the King of Spades is believed to represent King David.

File No. 99-399
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: RENTAL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, RIA, 216 N. East St., Woodland, California 95776

California Rental Association, a California Nonprofit Corporation

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 1, 1999

SIGNED: CALIFORNIA RENTAL ASSOCIATION, BY: LESLIE E. CHAYO, ATTORNEY/ASST. SEC.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 25, 1999

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 17900 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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Public Notices

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 11, 1999
File No. 99-371

The following persons are doing business as M&S Acoustics, 38 Darby Court, Woodland, CA 95776:

Thomas Allen Ward, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/99.

/s/Thomas A. Ward

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 11, 1999
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 16, 1999
File No. 99-384

The following person is doing business as Learning Designs, 1723 Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695:

Suzanne Falzone, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/16/99.

/s/Suzanne Falzone

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 16, 1999
by: /s/, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jun 3, 1999
File No. 99-358

The following person is doing business as Stabler Appliance, Inc., dba A-1 Appliance, 1226 Harter Ave., Woodland, CA 95776:

Walter B. Stabler, President, and Joanne Stabler, Secretary/Treas., at 616 Del Oro St., Woodland, CA 95695.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-1-99.

/s/Walter B. Stabler, President
Stabler Appliance, Inc., dba A-1 Appliance

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Jun 3, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

Jun 16 23 30 July 7

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 8, 1999
File No. 99-363

The following persons are doing business as Vulcan Materials Company, CalMat Division, 3200 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, California 90065:

CALMAT CO., 3200 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA 90065.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 6, 1999.

/s/Brian W. Ferris
Vice President
CALMAT CO.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 8, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 24, 1999
File No. 99-341

The following person is doing business as California Networking; Yolo Community Network, 1109 Kennedy Place, Suite #2, Davis, CA 95616:

MOTHER.COM INTERNET SERVICES, INC., a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 12, 1999.

/s/JAMES MULLEN
C.E.O.
MOTHER.COM INTERNET SERVICES, INC.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 24, 1999
by: /s/K.Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

KJAY LLC, broadcasting as KJAY AM 1430, will be conducting tests during the night time hours from eight PM to twelve o'clock midnight during the month of July, utilizing our standard authorized antenna array. If you have any comment or information, please call the station manager at (916) 371-5101 during regular business hours, or write KJAY, 5030 South River Road, West Sacramento, California 95691.

All responses must be made within 30 days after tests begin. Testing will start July 1 and conclude July 30, 1999.

June 16 - July 28

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 27, 1999
File No. 99-344

The following persons are doing business as Gamino Internet Services, 1028 Cross Street, Woodland CA 95695:

Frances Gamino, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/27/99.

/s/Frances Gamino

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 27, 1999
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jun 3, 1999
File No. 99-354

The following person is doing business as The Investment Company, 750 F Street, #2, Davis, CA 95616:

Mark C. McNece, Trustee, 610 Barbera Place, Davis CA 95616; Gregory E. McNece, Trustee, 2225 Anza Ave., Davis, CA 95616.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 1999.

/s/Gregory E. McNece.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 3, 1999
by: /s/Karen Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jun 3, 1999
File No. 99-357

The following persons are doing business as Birkenstock Plus, 710 Second Street, Davis, CA 95616-4623:

ECCO USA, INC., a New Hampshire corp., 16 Delta Drive, Londonderry, NH 03053.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/1/98.

/s/David Castlelot
Controller
ECCO USA, INC.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 3, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 4, 1999
File No. 99-359

The following persons are doing business as Susie's Deals Everything $5.00, 26 West Court St., Woodland, CA 95695:

Hyman Family LP, 1115 John Reed Ct., City of Industry, CA 91745; SDS Holdings Inc. (a Calif. Corp.), Gen. Partner, same address as above.

This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3-1-99.

/s/Stephen Hyman
President
SDS Holdings Inc.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 4, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Filed June 8 1999
FBN Number: 98-567

The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Promote-It!/Lori A. Schneider, at 645 Knollwood Dr., Woodland, CA 95695:

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 9/23/98.

Lori A. Schneider, 645 Knollwood Dr., Woodland.

This business was conducted by Lori Schneider/Kimberly Bellissimo, a general partnership. This statement was filed with the Yolo County Clerk on the date indicated by the file stamp above.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
June 8, 1999
By: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1999-1864099 Loan No. 0001864099 Title Order No. 7109861 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/14/1996. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. TRUSTOR:OSCAR J. BUENDIA AND YVONNE D. AVILA-BUENDIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE Duly Appointed Trustee: GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CO., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Recorded 08/16/1996 as Instrument No. 96-0019974-00 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, CALIFORNIA, Date of Sale:07/14/1999 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 2101 STONE BOULEVARD, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $184,736.09 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 3460 PARTRIDGE AVENUE WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 APN #: 046-142-08 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: June 15, 1999 GOLDEN WEST SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CO., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 4101 Wiseman Boulevard T6F1 San Antonio, Texas 78251 Telephone Number: (210) 543-4998 Sale Status Line: (916) 387-7728 Ellie McManus, Assistant Secretary ASAP360971 6/23, 6/30, 7/7

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 14, 1999
File No. 99-376

The following person is doing business as RAG ART Productions, 1908 Michigan Blvd., West Sacto., CA 95691:

Linda D. Garcia, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/14/99.

/s/Linda D. Garcia

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 14, 1999
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 28, 1999
File No. 99-348

The following persons are doing business as Pilot Travel Center #168, 30035 County Rd. 8, Dunnigan, CA 95937:

Pilot Corporation, 5508 Lonas Rd., Knoxville, TN 37909, incorp. in Tennessee.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/J. Todd Ellis
Asst. Secretary
Pilot Corporation

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 28, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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Books, like proverbs, receive their chief value from the stamp and esteem of ages through which they have passed.
—Sir William Temple

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE of Frederick L. Rastede, aka Frederick Leonard Rastede, Frederick Rastede and Leonard Rastede
CASE NUMBER PB 99-114

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Frederick L. Rastede, aka Frederick Leonard Rastede, Frederick Rastede and Leonard Rastede:

A PETITION has been filed by Julius E. Polenske in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION requests that Julius E. Polenske be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

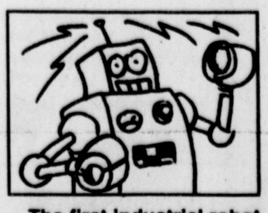
A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 20, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 2 located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
/s/Todd R. Robie, Esq.
Drobny Law Offices
2485 Natomas Park Dr., #500
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 641-0526



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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 14, 1999
File No. 99-375

The following person is doing business as Swift Leasing, 5150 Chiles Road, Davis, CA 95616:

SWIFT DODGE, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/20/73.

/s/ROXANNE T. DANERI
Secretary
Swift Dodge

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 14, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jun 16, 1999
File No. 99-383

The following persons are doing business as Nucleus Productions New Media Development; Point in Space Web Hosting Services, 2026 East 8th St., Davis, CA 95616:

John Francis May, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/99.

/s/JOHN F. May

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 16, 1999
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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The following person is doing business as The Hot Spot, 333 F St., Suite B, Davis, CA 95616:

Erick Watson and Deanna Hopper, 4912 Springwood Cir., Fairfield, CA 94585.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 16, 1999.

/s/Erick Watson
/s/Deanna Hopper

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 99-385

The following persons are doing business as AUTOZONE, Store #5720, 1400 W. Capitol Ave.:

CHIEF AUTO PARTS, INC. (a Delaware corporation), 123 S. Front St., Memphis, TN 38103.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/28/99.

/s/Donald R. Rawlins
Asst. Secty.
CHIEF AUTO PARTS, INC.

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Date: June 17, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 28, 1999
File No. 99-350

The following person is doing business as SIGN HERE, 113 Fiske Ave., Woodland, CA 95695:

Salvador Anthony Tafoya, same address.

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/s/Sal Tafoya

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Date: May 28, 1999
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 28, 1998
File No. 98-751

The following persons are doing business as Groutmaster of Tri County, 1025 Barnes Cir., Woodland, CA 95776:

Candis Leigh Hutchison and Bret B. Hutchison, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/28/98.

/s/Candis Leigh Hutchison

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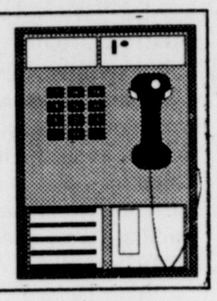
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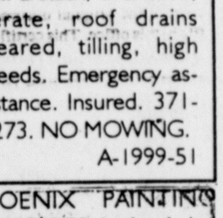
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R-44tfn

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Maintenance Supervisor for City of West Sacramento. $4177-5100/mo + exclnt bnfts. For complete info, see job flyer. Send SASE, indicating position to HR, PO Box 966, W. Sacto., CA 95691; or download at www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. FFD: 5pm, 7/30/99. NO POSTMARKS.
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Local Scene

Bookmobile

Yolo County's traveling "bookmobile" will run from through Aug. 27, visiting West Sacramento on Tuesdays according to the following schedule: Rivergate Apartments on Simon Terrace 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Elkhorn Village Park near Cummins Way 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.; Holly Courts Apts. On Maple 11:30 a.m. to noon; Devon & Manchester 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.; and Linden Park near Summerfield from 2:15 to 3 p.m. The bookmobile will bring books and magazines in English and Spanish. To check out materials, a library card will be necessary – but applications for library cards will be on hand. Call 375-6465 for information.

Bingo

The West Sacramento Elks will host bingo Friday, July 9, beginning at 7 p.m. The bingo will follow snack bar at 6 p.m. Bring this newspaper notice for a free early bird game! For information, call 372-2980 or 372-7470 ext. 6124.

Lunch & recreation

The West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Dept. is sponsoring K.I.D.S. (Kids Involved During Summer), a drop-in recreation program for kids 5-12. There will be arts, music, drama, sports, water fun and more, as well as special events and a free lunch. Program sites will be at various West Sacramento locations, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 28 to Aug. 6. Call 373-5860 for details.

Bus to Six Flags

YoloBus has won approval to extend bus service to Six Flags Amusement Park in Vallejo this summer from June 1 to Aug. 31. Also, beginning June 1 kids age 5 to 17 can ride at reduced rates. Other YoloBus summer destinations include the Vacaville skating center (ice and inline skating), the 16-screen Brendan Theater complex, Vacaville's outlet malls and the Solano malls. Call YoloBus at (530) 661-0816 for information.

Wildlife volunteers

The Wildlife Care Association of Sacramento (WCA) is seeking volunteers to care for injured and orphaned wildlife. Duties include feeding and cleaning out pens. Over 100 native species are rehabilitated and released back into the wild by WCA; over 2,000 animals have been brought to WCA by members of the public in the first two months of this season. For information, call Nancy O'Connor, (916) 444-8822.

Rummage sale

Community Lutheran Church will hold its annual Community Rummage Sale and Flea Market on Sat., Aug. 7. The event will also include a safety faire, with representatives of the West Sacramento police and fire departments, a barbecue, face painting and other entertainment. Flea market spaces are $10. Call the church at 371-8804 to reserve a space.

Amphibious race

The River Otter Amphibious Race ("ROAR," a "kinetic sculpture race") will take place on the Sacramento and West Sacramento riverfront areas on Sept. 25. Entrants are invited to design and build "kinetic sculptures" to race across four miles of pavement, sand, mud and water, beginning in Old Sacramento and ending near the Money Store pyramid. Entries are $50. Prizes will be awarded for artistic merit and creativity, mechanical know-how, and first- and last-place finishes. The race will be held on the same day as the Riverbank Music Festival, featuring blues music on West Sacramento's riverfront. For information on the race, call (916) 552-6808 ext. 105 or visit www.riverotter.com.

Aircraft carrier

West Sacramento's VFW Post 8762 is planning a bus trip July 24 to visit the U.S.S. Hornet, a prominent W.W. II era aircraft carrier, which is now permanently docked in Alameda. For details, contact Hugh King, 371-7245.

Live music

The West Sacramento Elks are featuring live music during their open community dinners every Friday. Dinners begin at 6 p.m. For information, call 372-7470 ext. 6126.

Health award

The Salud Clinic Advisory Board is seeking nominations for its annual John Siden Award, awarded to an individual who has served the health and welfare of West Sacramento in an outstanding way. Call Aaron Burton at 375-6340 for information; nominations are due by Aug. 31.

Court hours

The Yolo Co. Superior Court and Traffic Court, 725 Main St. in Woodland, have extended public service hours to Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., including the lunch hour. The increase is due to an increase in state funding, the court reports.

Religious ed

Our Lady of Grace Parish plans a religious education program for public school children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The program will go from Sept. 1999 to April 2000, Tuesday evenings, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Rd. Send children's names and grade levels to Deborah Prettyman, 8414 Arborwood Ct., Elk Grove, CA 95624, or register children following the 9 a.m. mass on Aug. 29 or Sept. 5.

Parenting

The Yolo Family Service Agency will offer an eight week parenting series for parents who have been mandated by the court to attend a parenting group. "Parenting for Yourself and Your Child" will be held Thursdays, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning July 22 at the Woodland United Way office. Cost is $120 for an individual or $176 for a couple, with 50% due on the first meeting and the balance at the fourth meeting. Call (530) 662-2211, (530) 753-8674 or (916) 375-1254.

Child care

An orientation meeting for those interested in becoming child care providers will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Center Game Room, 203 E. 14th St. in Davis. The licensing and application process will be discussed. Call 1-800-378-5044.

Pancake fundraiser

A pancake breakfast supporting the candidacy of Elise Lindsay for Miss Junior Teen of California will be held Sat., July 10, at 9 a.m. at the West Sacramento Elks Lodge, 1020 West Capitol Ave. Cost is $4. Lindsay is a River City High School student who is currently Miss Jr. Teen West Sacramento.

Bible School

First Baptist Church of West Sacramento will host a Vacation Bible School July 12-16, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Kids age three through 8th grade are invited and the school is free of charge. Call 371-4061.

Bible School

Trinity Presbyterian Church will host a Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 19, to Friday, July 23, evenings from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge. Ages preschool through eighth grade are welcome; show up on the 19th or call 371-5875.



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New at the library

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Some of the new titles available at the Turner Branch library include:

"Single Again: A Guide for Women Starting Over," by Victoria Jaycox.

"Living the Seven Habits: Stories of Courage and Inspiration," by Stephen R. Covey.

"Householders' Survival Manual: How to Take Care of Everything in Your Home," by the Editors of Readers Digest.

"People of the Wetlands: Bogs, Bodies and Lake Dwellers," by Bryony and John Coles.

"Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys," by Dan Kindlon, Ph.D. and Michael Thompson, Ph.D.

"Body for Life: 12 Weeks to Mental and Physical Strength," by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso.

For information about the summer reading program and library hours, call 375-6465.

Joint Sac/West Sac council meeting

The **city councils of Sacramento and West Sacramento** are tentatively planning to hold their first ever joint meeting on Tuesday, July 27, in West Sacramento. Meeting time and agenda details have not been formalized, but riverfront issues are expected to be discussed.

The **Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD)** will host a workshop on Monday, July 12, at 6 p.m. in West Sacramento's city council chambers to give West Sacramento residents a chance to comment on alternatives to routing a sewage line from the Natomas area to the county's wastewater plant in Elk Grove. Two of the three proposed alternatives call for the "interceptor" line to cross the Sacramento River and travel through West Sacramento.

For information on the scheduled workshop series, call Patti Gillman at (916) 736-6900.

The July 7 meeting of the **West Sacramento City Council** meeting has been canceled in conjunction with the Independence Day holiday. The next meeting will be July 14, with public session beginning at 7 p.m. at the city council chambers, 2101 Stone Blvd., West Sacramento.

The **Washington Unified School District Board of Trustees** will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at West Sacramento City Council Chambers, 2101 Stone Blvd. The meeting marks the first of the board's new Thursday meeting schedule, adopted in response to public requests. On the agenda:

Recognition of gifts to the district; an opportunity for the public to address the board; a curriculum report on the parent education program; bargaining unit updates regarding the WTA and CSEA; a report from student board member A.J. Denney; approval of the minutes of the June 22 meeting; a summary of purchase orders exceeding $5,000;

Discussion of the federal class size reduction program spending guidelines for one-time state school block grants; elementary school attendance area boundary task force structure; regulations for expulsion and discipline of special education pupils; Washington Teachers Association initial proposal and other personnel items.

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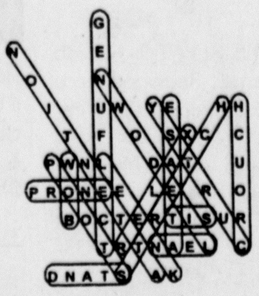
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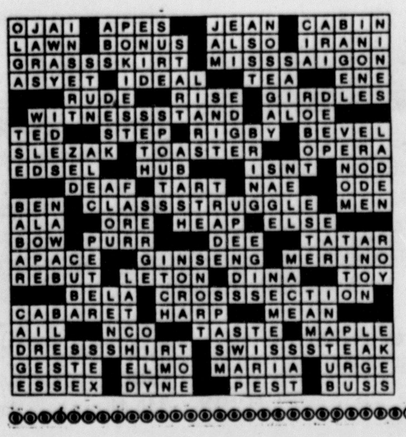
Vision Teasers

Differences: 1. Table is different 2. Picture has moved. 3. Fish is missing. 4. Water level is higher. 5. Woman's hair has changed. 6. Boy's neckline is different.

Sports Quiz Answers

1. Danny Ozark – yet they (the Phillies) never made it to the World Series; 2. #2; 3 Minnesota Twins; 4. Houston Astros; 5. Frank Robinson of the Cleveland Indians; 6. Gene Mauch; 7. Gil Hodges (1969) and Davey Johnson (1986); 8. Philadelphia Phillies and Montreal Expos





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1998-1999 YOLO COUNTY GRAND JURY

FINAL REPORT

A report for the citizens of Yolo County, California

June 30, 1999
Woodland, California

1998-1999 Yolo County Grand Jury Final Report

A Report for the Citizens of Yolo County

P.O. Box 2142, Woodland, California 95776 • (530) 666-8225

Honorable William S. Lebov
Advisory Judge to the Grand Jury
Superior Court, County of Yolo
Courthouse
Woodland, CA 95695

Dear Judge Lebov:

It is a pleasure to present to you the 1998-99 Yolo County Grand Jury Final Report. The Grand Jury consisted of citizens from Clarksburg, Davis, El Macero, Esparto, Knights Landing, West Sacramento, and Woodland. During the one-year term, three alternates were required.

The Grand Jury received several citizens' complaints and studied several County facilities and agencies. We also did follow-up studies on the 1997-98 Yolo County Grand Jury Final Report.

I would like to extend my appreciation on behalf of the Grand Jury to you and your staff for your assistance. You and your staff were particularly helpful with the physical relocation of the Grand Jury office during our term. Although this move was disruptive to the Grand Jury, you and your staff were very helpful in providing clear delineation of the responsibility for different aspects of the Grand Jury's needs. Appreciation should also be given to the staff and offices of the Jury Commissioner, County Counsel, District Attorney, and Auditor and General Services for being available upon request. All county offices accommodated the Grand Jury by releasing employees asked to appear.

After having served two consecutive years as a Grand Juror, I can fully appreciate the process by which a citizen can bring a complaint before the Grand Jury, and the mechanisms used to reach a fair and impartial resolution. This has been a sometimes frustrating but certainly, a very educational and fulfilling experience.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Herbst

Linda L. Herbst
Foreperson

What Is the Grand Jury?

The California Constitution requires each county to appoint a Grand Jury. Grand Juries guard the public interest and provide citizens with a means to participate in oversight of local government. The Yolo County Superior Court appoints 19 grand jurors each year. The Yolo County Grand Jury is an official body of the Court and is an independent authority, not answerable to administrators or the Board of Supervisors.

The California Grand Jury process was established by statute in 1880. Unlike Grand Juries in other states, a California Grand Jury's primary responsibility is to promote honesty and efficiency in government by reviewing the operations and performance of county government, city governments, school districts, and special districts. Based on these reviews, the Grand Jury issues a final report that may recommend changes in the way government conducts its business. Copies are distributed to public officials, county libraries and the news media. The Board of Supervisors or the governing board of each government agency reviewed must respond to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations within 90 days after publication.

Another Grand Jury responsibility is to consider complaints submitted by private citizens, local government officials or government employees. Complaints must be in writing and should include any supporting evidence available. Grand jurors are sworn to secrecy and, except in rare circumstances, records of their meetings may not be subpoenaed. This secrecy ensures confidentiality of the complainant and any testimony offered to the Grand Jury during its investigations. The Grand Jury exercises its own discretion on whether to conduct an investigation or to report its findings on citizen complaints.

A third responsibility of the Grand Jury is to consider criminal indictments based on evidence presented by the District Attorney. The Grand Jury does not pass upon the guilt or innocence of the accused. The Grand Jury also investigates charges of malfeasance (wrongdoing) or misfeasance (a lawful act performed in an unlawful manner) by public officials.

To be eligible for the Grand Jury, a citizen must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- reside in the county for at least one year before selection
- exhibit ordinary intelligence and good character
- possess a working knowledge of the English language, and
- not have served on the Grand Jury within one year, although the Court may choose to hold over up to 10 jurors to ease transition

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June 30, 1999
The 1998-1999 Yolo County Grand Jury[1] resolves that the attached report is adopted as the Final Report of the 1998-1999 Yolo County Grand Jury.
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Public Notice

The findings in this document report the conclusions reached by the Grand Jury. Although all the findings are based on evidence, they are the products of the Grand Jury's independent judgment; some findings are the opinion of the Grand Jury rather than indisputable statements of fact.

The California Penal Code[2] specifies the duty, timeframe and format for responding to the Grand Jury reports. The governing board of the public agency, which is the subject of the report, must respond within 90 days of the date the Grand Jury submits its report to the Court. Other named respondents must comment within 60 days. Respondents must state whether or not they agree with each finding. If the responding person or entity disagrees with a Grand Jury finding, the respondent is required to explain the reason(s) for disputing the finding. In responding to each Grand Jury recommendation, the person or entity must report a summary regarding the implemented action, the timeframe for implementation, or an explanation if the recommendation will not be implemented or requires further analysis. If the recommendation requires further analysis, the respondent must identify the scope and parameters of the analysis and a timeframe for completion, not to exceed six months after publication of the report.

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Studies

Animal Services

BACKGROUND

As part of its elective investigative duties, the Grand Jury examined the operation of the Yolo County Animal Services and toured the shelter.

FINDINGS

1. Animal Services is a section of the Administrative and Special Services Division of the Sheriff's Department.
2. The shelter has a capacity of up to 100 dogs and 50 or more cats. In addition, the shelter can board horses, goats, reptiles, emus, and other exotic species.
3. The staff consists of nine Animal Control Officers, three clerical staff, and one supervisor. Inmates from the Monroe Detention Center assist in maintaining the grounds and cleaning cages.
4. Animal Control Officers are authorized to make arrests but do not normally take anyone into custody. Officers do carry a weapon in their vehicles.
5. During the past year, Animal Control Officers picked up 3,468 animals. The public brought to the shelter another 3,642. Over one-half of the animals were disposed of and roughly one-third were adopted. Nine hundred forty-eight were returned to their owners.
6. Euthanized animals are picked up by a private rendering company at a cost of $600 per month.
7. Animal Services issued 12,403 licenses this year.
8. A spay/neuter program is operated by Animal Services. A $20 deposit is required for adopted animals. Upon submission of evidence of spay/neuter, the deposit is refunded. Approximately 65-70% of adopted animals are spayed.
9. Total operating budget for Animal Services was $749,159. Income in the amount of $689,793 was received from licensing fees, the Veterinary Department at the University of California, Davis and from incorporated cities in Yolo County that Animal Services provided services to under contract. In addition, donations of pet food are received from many local businesses.

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10. Both the office and animal retention facilities are cramped and lacking space.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-01 Plans should be made for expansion of the Animal Shelter, which should include an animal isolation area, more space for animal retention, and additional office space. [Finding 10]

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Recommendation 99-01 and its corresponding finding

Yolo County Sheriff's Department

Recommendation 99-01 and its corresponding finding

Department of Social Services Turnover Rate

BACKGROUND

The Grand Jury looked into the high turnover rate in 1998 of personnel at the Yolo County Department of Social Services. The issue surfaced during the interview process of another committee.

FINDINGS

1. The Department of Social Services is a governmental agency that oversees twenty-two separate programs and their support staff. At the present time, there are approximately 310 positions.
2. Historically, there has been a high turnover rate within the Department of Social Services. The largest periods of turnover in Yolo County correspond to the hiring periods in Sacramento County. When Sacramento County experiences hiring freezes, the turnover in Yolo County decreases.
3. Traditionally, the highest turnover occurred in two of the largest divisions of Social Services–Child Welfare Services and Income Maintenance. At times, the turnover rate was as high as 50%.
4. There are various reasons for the high turnover rates:
   a. There has been dissatisfaction with management styles.
   b. Sacramento County has had a higher pay scale and better benefits package.
   c. Approximately 20% of the Yolo County employees live in Sacramento County.
   d. There is a perception of greater career advancement opportunities in Sacramento County.
   e. Yolo County is considered a training ground for beginners in the field of social work.
5. In 1996, Yolo County surveyed its employees. As a result of the survey, the Department of Social Services was confronted not only with the pay differentials but also with having to examine its own management style.
6. The Department of Social Services has responded to the survey by undertaking several courses of action:
   a. Along with the County Administrator's Office, lobbied the Board of Supervisors for pay and benefit increases;
   b. Increased the availability of managers and supervisors to staff;
   c. Involved staff in the decision making process in a team capacity;
   d. Encouraged workers who have left Yolo County to return by making reinstatement more attractive;
   e. Worked to create more manageable caseloads;
   f. Designed training programs that include mentoring with an emphasize on non-technical as well as the technical aspects of the job;
   g. Cross-trained employees in other positions to reduce stress caused by high turnover periods;
   h. Considered the reinstatement of a continuous recruitment process;
   i. Allowed more flexibility on shift times and job sharing;
   j. Increased the role of supervisors in the hiring process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-02 Management should continue to address management style issues with their staff. [Findings 4, 5, and 6]

99-03 The Department of Social Services and the County Administrator's Office should continue to lobby the Board of Supervisors for better pay and benefits for employees. [Finding 6a]

99-04 Management should continue to look for ways to improve morale and include staff in decision making. [Finding 6]

99-05 The Department of Social Services should continue looking into an attractive reinstatement program for employees that may wish to return to Yolo County. [Findings 2, 3, and 6d]

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Department of Social Services

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Recommendations 99-03 and 99-05 and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendations 99-03 and 99-05 and their corresponding findings

Investigation of Child Sexual Abuse Cases

BACKGROUND

As part of its oversight duties, the Grand Jury elected to investigate the handling of child sexual abuse cases by the involved agencies in Yolo County. Particular emphasis in this study was placed on the degree in which these agencies follow the protocol of the countywide Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center for the investigation of child sexual abuse cases. Law enforcement representatives from the cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland, and the Sheriff's Department were interviewed, in addition to representatives from Child Protective Services, the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center, the District Attorney's office, and private citizens.

FINDINGS

1. Early in 1996, the District Attorney's office established a countywide Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (MDIC). A representative from each law enforcement jurisdiction in the county, including the District Attorney's office, Yolo County Department of Social Services, Yolo County Sheriff's Department, Woodland Police Department, West Sacramento Police Department, Davis Police Department, UC Davis Police Department, and Winters Police Department participated in the steering committee. The stated goals of the MDIC are[3]:
   - To reduce the number of interviews of a child victim.
   - To promote interagency cooperation between agencies for criminal and dependency investigations.

- To reduce potential trauma to child victims by using a child-friendly environment for forensic interviews.
- To maximize opportunities to obtain valid and reliable information from child victims through the use of forensically sound, and developmentally appropriate interview techniques.

2. The March 1996 MDIC Memorandum of Understanding also specifies:
   a. The Steering Committee of the MDIC, comprised of representatives from each of the participating agencies, serves as the administrative body.
   b. The District Attorney's office is responsible for scheduling and chairing the Steering Committee's meetings.
   c. The Multi-Disciplinary Interview Team (MDIT) is comprised of representatives from the District Attorney's office, law enforcement agencies and the Department of Social Services. These representatives are to participate in an approved MDIC training program for forensic interviewing of children and the coordination of investigative procedures.
   d. The MDIT is responsible for working together to arrange, conduct, or observe the MDIC interview.
   e. The MDIT interview is conducted by a MDIC trained child sexual abuse interviewer and is observed by the investigating law enforcement officer and a representative from the District Attorney's office.
   f. The purpose of the monthly MDIT meetings is to share information, review cases and discuss issues related to MDIC procedures.
3. Two Multi-Disciplinary Interview Centers have been established in Yolo County, one in Woodland and one in West Sacramento.
4. MDIC recommended training for forensic interviewing of children and the coordination of investigative procedures is periodically available.
5. At the time of this review, the City of West Sacramento Police Department and the City of Davis Police Department, Child Protective Services and the District Attorney's office have personnel that are specially trained in MDIC investigative procedures and who are assigned to those duties. This enhances the MDIT's ability to conduct a successful interview with a child and may also increase the chances for a successful prosecution.
6. Initial contact with victims and/or families of a child sexual abuse complaint is often made by a patrol officer or a representative of Child Protective Services.
7. Representatives of agencies interviewed were aware of the MDIC protocol of keeping initial contact with the alleged victim minimal and soliciting only enough information to determine the necessity for further action.
8. Forensic physical examinations for alleged child sexual abuse victims are performed at the UC Davis Medical Center at the discretion of the appropriate law enforcement jurisdictions.
9. Most law enforcement agencies in the county rotate assignments of their investigators about every two years. This rotation of trained investigators has resulted in having designated child sexual abuse investigators who are not fully trained in the MDIT interview and investigative techniques. An exception is the City of West Sacramento Police Department, which has been consistent in maintaining a trained investigator for more than three years.
10. The MDIC Steering Committee lacks leadership and cohesiveness.
11. Until recently, MDIT meetings were not held on a regular basis and when meetings were held, there was not full attendance by all the participating agencies.
12. At the present time, a police detective is chair of the MDIC Steering Committee.
13. As with most criminal cases, child sexual abuse cases are resolved prior to actual jury trial.
14. There is no computerized case management system to track child sexual abuse cases between participating county agencies.
15. Families of alleged child sexual abuse cases are not always informed of the disposition of their case.
16. The MDIT has developed *The Multi-Disciplinary Interview–A Parent's Guide: How Can I Help My Child Through the MDI?* brochure for parents and/or caretakers of sexually abused children. This guide informs them of the MDIC interview procedure and the investigative process in child sexual abuse cases and available support services.
17. The Yolo County Victim–Witness Program is under the jurisdiction of the District Attorney's office. This program serves as a liaison between the District Attorney's office and the victim to assist people who have cases pending in the courts.
18. The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center is a privately funded agency that provides advocacy, counseling, and treatment for victims and families of sexual abuse.
19. In certain circumstances, there is a lack of support services for families and victims of child sexual abuse between the time of reporting of the incident and determination of charges.
20. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors has approved the formation of the Yolo County Child Molestation Task Force. The task force is charged with the following[4]:
    a. Continue to examine the current procedures and protocols for handling alleged child molestation cases
    b. Review the experience of the Yolo County Multi-Disciplinary Interview Team
    c. Investigate Sacramento/UC Davis protocols and others as appropriate
    d. Make recommendations for change and possible grant funding sources

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-06 All law enforcement agencies should participate fully in the MDIT in order to maximize the effectiveness and proficiency of Yolo County's Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center. [Finding 5]

99-07 All participating agencies should give high priority to providing MDIC approved training for child sexual abuse investigators. Prior to personnel changes, the replacement investigator should be trained in MDIC approved protocol and procedures. [Findings 5 and 9]

99-08 As recommended by the *Child Victim Witness Investigative Pilot Project, Research and Evaluation Final Report*[5], the MDIC should be staffed with a permanent, trained, interview specialist. Grant funding should be sought for this position. [Findings 5 and 9]

99-09 To provide management and continuity, the District Attorney's office should resume direction of the MDIT and the MDIC Steering Committee. [Findings 10, 11 and 12]

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99-10 A uniform countywide data collection system should be established to track child sexual abuse cases and to provide case management information and statistics. [Finding 14]

99-11 All law enforcement agencies should keep families of child sexual abuse victims informed of the progress and disposition of their case. [Finding 15]

99-12 *The Multi-Disciplinary Interview–A Parent's Guide: How Can I Help My Child Through the MDI?* brochure should be distributed to the concerned parent and/or guardian upon initiation of the investigation and before the MDI process. [Finding 16]

99-13 *The Multi-Disciplinary Interview–A Parent's Guide: How Can I Help My Child Through the MDI?* brochure should contain a contact telephone number for further information. [Finding 16]

99-14 Parents of alleged child sexual abuse victims should be informed of support services available to them between the time the incident is reported and the time charges are determined. [Finding 19]

99-15 The Yolo County Child Molestation Task Force should examine the MDIC Memorandum of Understanding and make recommendations for amendments where it deems necessary. [Finding 20]

99-16 The resources of the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center should be more fully utilized by the MDIC. [Findings 18 and 19]

RESPONDENTS

Police Departments: City of Davis, City of West Sacramento, City of Winters, City of Woodland, University of California, Davis
All recommendations and their corresponding findings except Recommendation 99-15

Yolo County Sheriff's Department
All recommendations and their corresponding findings except Recommendation 99-15

Yolo County District Attorney
All recommendations and their corresponding findings except Recommendation 99-15

Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Recommendations 99-06, 99-08, 99-09, 99-10, and 99-16 and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Child Protective Services
All recommendations and their corresponding findings except Recommendation 99-15

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center
Recommendations 99-10, 99-13, and 99-16 and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Child Molestation Task Force
Recommendations 99-08, 99-12, 99-13, 99-14, 99-15, and 99-16 and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Public Health Laboratory

BACKGROUND

The Yolo County Public Health Laboratory is one of forty city and county facilities, which works closely with the California Department of Health Services State Laboratories. These laboratories identify pathogens and participate in epidemiological investigations. The Yolo County Public Health Laboratory is a division of the Yolo County Health Department. The Laboratory works in conjunction with other divisions of the Yolo County Health Department especially the Nursing and the Environmental Health divisions.

FINDINGS

1. Employees of the Yolo County Public Health Laboratory include one full-time Microbiologist/Laboratory Director, one half-time Microbiologist, and one half-time Laboratory Technician.
2. The Laboratory Director reports to the Health Officer of Yolo County.
3. Work performed at the Laboratory includes testing for rabies, tuberculosis, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, and food and water contamination.
4. Quality control monitoring is conducted by the California Department of Health Services.
5. The Laboratory occupies approximately 700 square feet. Due to the size of the Laboratory, the addition of new testing categories is prohibited; however, the Laboratory can increase the volume of its current testing categories.
6. Future demands on the Laboratory are expected to increase with population growth and other demographic changes. Another issue that could impact the demands on the Laboratory is bio-terrorism preparedness.
7. The Laboratory's autoclave is forty years old. A grant has been submitted for a rebuilt autoclave to replace it.
8. The Laboratory's computer is outdated. A statewide networked Public Health Laboratory computer system is in progress and when completed, the Yolo County Public Health Laboratory computer will not be compatible with this new system.
9. The Laboratory performs services for a fee. The Laboratory's fee schedule is approved by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.
10. Some facilities that use the Laboratory include the School of Veterinary Medicine and the Cowell Student Health Center at UC Davis, local hospitals, and community clinics in Davis, West Sacramento, and Woodland.
11. There is a Memorandum of Understanding between the Yolo County Public Health Laboratory and other public entities to perform and obtain services.
12. The presence of a local public health laboratory in the county promotes consistent testing and control, provides a quick turnaround of results, and increases the ability of the County's Health Officer to direct the Laboratory's resources to local priorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-17 A plan needs to be developed addressing how the Laboratory will meet the growing and changing needs of the county. [Finding 6]

99-18 Efforts to replace the autoclave should continue. [Finding 7]

99-19 The Laboratory's computer and software should be consistent with the statewide Public Health Laboratory computer network. [Finding 8]

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Health Department, Director
All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Public Health Laboratory
All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Board of Supervisors
All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Complaints

City of Davis Traffic Light

BACKGROUND

The Grand Jury received a citizen's complaint expressing concern that the City of Davis, and not the developer, paid for the signal lights at the intersection of Cowell at Valdora. The complainant was also concerned that the signal light was installed prior to the year 2008, the projected installation date.

FINDINGS

1. Project Number A46, also known as Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 85-83, involves the installation of new signal lights at the following intersections:
   - Cowell at Valdora
   - Cowell at Research Park Drive
   - Cowell at Pole Line
   - Cowell at Drew
2. The total cost estimate for Project Number A46 is $596,858. The budget expectation for the signal lights at the intersection of Cowell at Valdora is $143,400.
3. The February 1996 traffic study performed by kdAnderson Transportation Engineers concluded that ultimately a traffic signal would be needed at the intersection of Cowell at Valdora to ease traffic.
4. An occupant of the Oakshade Shopping Complex required that signal lights be installed at the intersection of Cowell at Valdora prior to their opening. During the construction of the Oakshade Shopping Complex, the City of Davis found that it was an appropriate time to install signal lights at the intersection.
5. Typically, impact fees are collected from developers to finance a project such as Project Number A46. Impact fees are collected upon issuing certificates of occupancy. Initially, the City of Davis paid for the cost of Project Number A46. All fees are being recovered from the Oakshade Shopping Complex and any new developments in the surrounding area.
6. The Oakshade Shopping Complex impact fees total $351,621. The remaining balance of the impact fees will be paid by future developments in the surrounding area.
7. At the time of our review, 79% of the Oakshade Shopping Complex impact fees had been collected.
8. At the time of our review, the signal lights at the intersections of Cowell at Valdora, Cowell at Research Park Drive, and Cowell at Pole Line had been installed. The signal lights at the intersection of Cowell at Drew had not been installed.
9. The City of Davis does have a policy on handling public inquiries. City staff directs all public inquiries to the appropriate department.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

Correctional Officers

BACKGROUND

The Grand Jury received a complaint stating that Correctional Officers at the Monroe Detention Center do not receive safety retirement benefits as do Deputy Sheriffs at the facility. In addition, the complainant felt that Correctional Officers were not treated with respect by the Deputy Sheriffs.

FINDINGS

1. Correctional Officers at the Monroe Detention Center do not receive the same retirement benefits as Deputy Sheriffs.
2. During the last 10 years, only 4 minor incidents occurred between inmates and Correctional Officers. There were no serious injuries.
3. While the complaint noted disrespect between the Deputy Sheriffs and Correctional Officers, this was not apparent to the Grand Jury during its investigation.
4. There is a low turnover rate among the Correctional Officers at the Center.
5. While opportunities exist for training and promotion to Deputy Sheriff, few Correctional Officers have taken advantage of this program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-20 Safety retirement is a benefit that could be pursued by the Correctional Officer's bargaining unit. [Finding 1]

99-21 Any complaints of disrespect arising between employees should be handled through the established chain of command. [Finding 3]

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Recommendation 99-21 and its corresponding finding

Yolo County Sheriff's Department
Recommendation 99-21 and its corresponding finding

County Counsel's Role in Juvenile Dependency Representation

BACKGROUND

In response to a citizen's complaint, the Grand Jury examined the role of the County Counsel representing both the child and the Department of Social Services in some juvenile proceedings.

FINDINGS

1. Dual representation in Yolo County occurs in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300 cases. Juveniles can come before the court in Section 300 cases when they are abused, neglected, or in danger of becoming so.
2. Juvenile 300 petitions are filed in the court after review and investigation by the Department of Social Services. Once the petition is filed, the attorney for County Counsel represents both the Department of Social Services and the minor in cases where the child is under the age of four, has no older siblings, and the court has not declared an actual conflict. This dual representation causes a perceived conflict of interest.
3. If the court finds there is an actual conflict of interest, separate counsel is appointed for the minor to serve as a conflict attorney. Conflict attorneys are appointed from a group of private attorneys.
4. The Public Defender's office represents the parents of the minor and therefore cannot represent the minor.
5. In Sacramento County, County Counsel represents the Department of Social Services and conflict attorneys are appointed for all minors. Sacramento County pays

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for all the conflict attorneys and are reimbursed from the State through the State Trial Court Funding Measure.

6. Yolo County also receives reimbursements from the State Trial Court Funding Measure; however, the County may not be currently receiving all of the funding that is available through the Measure.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-22 Yolo County should provide separate counsel from the County Counsel for all minors in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300 cases. [Finding 2]

99-23 Yolo County should evaluate the need to increase the number of conflict attorneys if there is an increased caseload. [Findings 3 and 6]

99-24 Yolo County should appropriately budget all juvenile dependency cases so that the county will be reimbursed properly out of the State Trial Court Funding Measure. [Finding 6]

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Superior Court

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Counsel

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Knights Landing Cemetery

BACKGROUND

A citizen's complaint was received regarding the Knights Landing Cemetery District. The Grand Jury investigated the policies and procedures of the District.

FINDINGS

1. Cemetery plots cannot be reconciled with the current plot maps. The District lacks a comprehensive and detailed plot map showing the accurate location of all interred human remains.
2. In the past, burials have been performed in plots belonging to parties other than the person being buried therein.
3. The District is hampered by lack of personnel and resources to reconcile plot maps with actual burial sites.
4. The March 7, 1997 Auditor-Controller's Report recommended that the Cemetery District contract with an engineering firm to update the cemetery map and the plot lot book to be consistent with the actual layout of the cemetery.
5. The Cemetery District contracted with an engineering firm to survey and update the cemetery map.
6. The most recent audit (October 1998) of the District's records by the County Auditor-Controller's office has ascertained that proper management practices are now in effect.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-25 The Knights Landing Cemetery District should continue their efforts to update the cemetery map to correctly show the identity and location of all interred remains. [Findings 1 and 5]

99-26 The District Board should insure that the engineering firm completes the update to the cemetery map as soon as possible. [Finding 5]

99-27 The Knights Landing Cemetery District should continue to follow the procedures outlined in the Auditor-Controller's Report of October 1998, in all future proceedings. [Finding 6]

RESPONDENTS

Knights Landing Cemetery Board

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Rights of Victims of Crimes in Yolo County

BACKGROUND

A citizen's complaint was received asking if victims of violent crimes have any rights such as notification of case progress. Representatives from local law enforcement agencies were interviewed to ascertain if any policies are available outlining the rights of victims of crimes and informing them of the procedures to seek help.

FINDINGS

1. There are services available to victims once the case has gone to prosecution. The District Attorney's office makes available information on the Victim-Witness Assistance Program.
2. If cases do not reach the District Attorney's office, there are no policies about keeping victims informed or disseminating information on counseling.
3. Each agency has its own ideas on how to respond to victims. In addition, the responses of individual officers may vary.
4. Transfers and shortages of personnel have hampered the flow of information to victims in the past.
5. Lack of funds, manpower, procedures, and training are often mentioned as problem areas.
6. Grants, V.I.P. (Volunteers in Police) programs, and Police Chaplaincy programs have been used in some agencies. These programs have helped to reduce the workload of officers by providing telephone answering, records updating, and follow-up calls to victims of crimes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-28 A standard procedure should be developed by all law enforcement agencies in the County to inform victims of case progress and provide information on the Victim-Witness Assistance Program. A guidebook with sources of assistance should be given to the victims whether the crime is prosecuted or not. [Findings 1, 2, and 3]

99-29 Officers should attend victim-sensitivity training to better understand the needs of victims of violent crimes and

to help the victims cope with the situation. [Finding 5]

99-30 Law enforcement agencies should consider using grants and volunteer citizens groups. [Findings 4, 5, and 6]

RESPONDENTS

Police Departments: City of Davis, City of West Sacramento, City of Winters, City of Woodland

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Sheriff's Department

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Flooding Problems

BACKGROUND

A citizen's complaint was received asking if the county could help in any way to lower the water levels during flood periods and repair damaged roads when the waters recede.

FINDINGS

1. There is no city or county entity responsible for flood prevention and control in Yolo County; however, city or county departments may respond to problems caused by flooding, depending upon the nature of the problem.
2. There is no central place for citizens to inquire about flood issues.
3. Some areas of the county flood nearly every year. Without major changes, these areas will continue to flood and without proper mitigation efforts, the number of residents impacted by the flooding will grow as development continues in flood plain areas.
4. The Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is not responsible for flood control. The name of the District is misleading. The purpose of the District is to sell water.
5. The Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District does not receive any money for flood control purposes.
6. Some of the flooding occurs around privately owned sloughs, ditches, and creeks. In some areas, private landowners are protecting their property by diverting sloughs, which is legal with proper permits.
7. Building of berms by property owners is acceptable in Yolo County with the appropriate permits.
8. The Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of county roads and ditches that are next to county roads. This includes road or bridge damage caused by flooding.
9. The annual budget for new roads and the maintenance of existing roads and bridges in Yolo County is approximately $6 million.
10. The County does not have adequate funds for properly maintaining all of the roads that flood. Due to the lack of funding, there is a backlog of work on the existing 800 miles of our county road system. This backlog is estimated to be as high as 15-20 years and $100 million behind in maintenance.
11. The Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department's flood control related activities includes cleaning ditches, replacing culverts, and maintaining bridges. The main goal is to keep water flowing.
12. There are currently no discretionary county funds designated for preventative flood control efforts in Yolo County.
13. Due to limited resources, flood damage repairs are prioritized by the number of people who will benefit and the cost of the project.
14. There is cooperative use of equipment during emergency situations between the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department.
15. Impact fees are collected by the county on all new commercial and residential developments. These fees are intended to cover the cost of increased county services. However, none of the impact fees collected are designated for flood control or county road maintenance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-31 Although flood control is not a function of city, county, or local government in Yolo County the dissemination of information regarding flooding can be centralized and coordinated locally. Citizens should be able to contact one agency that can assist with flood-related questions and problems. [Findings 1 and 2]

99-32 The cities and county should continue to mitigate and/or guide development away from high flood-risk areas. [Finding 3]

99-33 The Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District should consider changing their name so that there is no confusion about their responsibility for flood control. [Finding 4]

99-34 The County should aggressively solicit grants and other funding from federal, state, and local sources to help finance preventative flood control projects. [Finding 12]

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Recommendation 99-33 and its corresponding finding [Finding 5]

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department

Recommendations 99-31, 99-32, and 99-34 and their corresponding findings

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Follow-up Reports

The following five reports are follow-up reviews conducted on last year's studies. Unlike a full investigation, a follow-up review is a status check on the recommendations made by the previous Grand Jury.

Department of Social Services Special Investigative Unit Follow-up Report

The Grand Jury conducted a follow-up review of the Department of Social Services Special Investigative Unit.

The philosophical and personal differences remain a problem between the Welfare Fraud Investigators in the District Attorney's office and the Early Welfare Fraud Investigators and staff of the Department of Social Services. Because of the differences between the offices, the free flow of information and ideas continue to be hindered.

The Department of Social Services and the District Attorney's office should act to resolve these differences before the situation gets worse.

Esparto Community Services District Follow-up Report

The Grand Jury conducted a follow-up review of the Esparto Community Services District. Many of the recommendations, including providing instruction and training for directors in the provisions of the Brown Act, reconciling the financial problem regarding the PERS contribution, and completing the policy manual, have been implemented. Since last year's investigation, a new General Manager/Superintendent has been hired.

Public Defender's Office Follow-up Report

The Grand Jury conducted a follow-up review of the Office of the Public Defender. The Chief Assistant Public Defender position was recently filled. There has been an increase in funding and staff positions. A review is being conducted by the County to determine if Yolo County is comparable to similar counties in pay scale and caseload.

Due to the complexity of felony cases and the high number of cases handled by the Public Defender's office, the County needs to do more to attract experienced attorneys. The annual caseload per attorney should be lowered.

Woodland Police Department Follow-up Report

The Grand Jury conducted a follow-up review of the Woodland Police Department. Since last year's review, the Chief of Police has retired and a new Chief has not yet been recruited. A Captain of the police force is currently serving as acting Chief of Police.

The Department provides training opportunities to management and supervisorial staff in order to maintain consistent philosophies in command and leadership. The leadership philosophy has also incorporated input from line level officers. The turnover rate has dropped. As of June 1998, only one officer left the department and this was due to health reasons.

A review is being conducted comparing the Department's salary scale to cities similar to Woodland. Incentive programs are being developed to encourage officers to reside in the community. A Community Oriented Program has been in place since January 1999.

A new performance evaluation system is being developed with an emphasis on problem solving methods rather than statistics such as the number of citations and arrests. The City Manager will be conducting an annual performance evaluation of each department head, which includes the acting Chief of Police.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-35 Filling the position of Chief of Police should be made a priority in order to maintain the quality of leadership.

RESPONDENTS

City of Woodland City Council

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Housing Authority Follow-up Report

The Grand Jury conducted a follow-up review of the Yolo County Housing Authority. Many of the recommendations, including in-service training for new commissioners, special needs accommodations for all commissioners and an update on the Lighthouse Marina project for the residents, have been implemented. Since last year's investigation, a new Executive Director has been appointed.

Tours

Fouts Springs Ranch

Several members of the Grand Jury toured the Fouts Springs Ranch which is located in the Mendocino National Forest about eight miles outside of Stonyford. Yolo County has two to fourteen juvenile wards assigned to this remote ranch at any given time throughout the year. Yolo County contracts with Solano and Colusa counties who operate this facility. Yolo County wards participate in their Snow Mountain Academy program, which is one of three different programs offered at this facility.

The boot camp program is 3-4 months in duration. Military dress code applies to both the Correctional Officers and the boys. The boys are placed under a strict regimen emphasizing drill and ceremony, proper hygiene, social skills, and physical education. While in this program, the boys are also required to attend an on-premise school designed to encourage effective study techniques. Because of this system, most students show improvement.

The school also provides vocational training with a computer lab, metal and wood shop, welding classes, and career guidance testing and counseling.

The physical regimen includes hands-on team leadership courses on a specially designed area of the ranch resembling military confidence courses. These courses are meant to instill pride, self-esteem, respect, and a sense of responsibility.

Monroe Detention Center and the Leinberger Center

The Grand Jury toured the Monroe Detention Center and the Leinberger Center in October 1998 as part of its annual oversight inspection of county jails. The Monroe Detention Center is the main jail for Yolo County. It is equipped to house virtually any classification of inmate: maximum, medium, protective custody; medical and special housing; male and female.

The Leinberger Center, located adjacent to the Monroe Detention Center, is a minimum security working facility that houses inmates in a dormitory style. The inmates housed in this area work on and off the Yolo County Detention Facility grounds. Leinberger also uses house arrest technology.

Together the facilities have a capacity for 450 inmates. Any time there are more inmates than bed space inmates can be released. The County also has the option of sending them to a Yuba County facility for a fee if needed.

There are educational, counseling, and training programs for inmates that are provided by private volunteers and the Inmate Welfare Fund. The Inmate Welfare Fund is generated by the inmates themselves when they purchase candy, sundries, or use the telephone. The profits from the inmate fund are used for maintenance, supplies, and equipment that directly benefit the inmates.

Both facilities are clean and well lit with carpeting used in some areas to keep the noise level down. Designed for optimum use of fresh air and sunlight, Leinberger, like Monroe, uses muted colors. The design of the facility benefits not only inmates but also staff who work twelve-hour shifts. Overall, the facilities appear to provide a clean, safe environment for staff and inmates.

Port of Sacramento

The Yolo County Grand Jury and the Sacramento Grand Jury together attended a presentation and tour of the Port of Sacramento. The Sacramento-Yolo Port District includes all of Sacramento County and the First Supervisorial District of Yolo County. The policy-making body of the District is the Port Commission. The Port is an independent unit of local government.

The Port is an inland river port. It is accessed via the San Francisco Bay, and passage up the Sacramento River and the Sacramento Deep Water Channel. The channel is man-made and measures 47 miles long, 32 feet deep. The goal of the Port is to deepen the channel to 35 feet.

The Port of Sacramento serves agri-business, the forest industry, and industrial bulk shippers. Exports comprise more than 85% of all cargoes. Primary cargoes include rice, wheat, safflower, wood chips, logs, and clay.

The Port's facilities are located on 150 acres of land located in the City of West Sacramento. The Port owns another 420 acres of undeveloped land south of the harbor, 90 acres along the barge canal, and 3,000 acres along the deep-water channel. The area south of the harbor has recently been entitled for development by the City of West Sacramento and the acreage along the channel is being developed as a mitigation bank. The land development will provide a new source of revenue for the Port. It is the intent of the Port to increase its revenue through land development and direct the cash flow and/or debt capacity to finance the deepening of the channel.

The Port does not receive any funds from taxes. Instead, its revenues are derived from the operation of its facilities and the provision of its services. In 1998, the Port had operating revenues of $10.3 million and a net income of $153,418.

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District

The Yolo County Grand Jury along with the Sacramento County Grand Jury toured the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District facilities located in Elk Grove, California. The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District was established in 1946 by a vote of residents and is funded by property taxes. The district currently serves a 2,013 square mile area with a population of 1.4 million. The district has 50 full time employees and operates on an annual budget of $4.9 million. Seventy-five vehicles and equipment pieces are used to control these pests.

A vector is any animal that is capable of transmitting a disease or is considered a public health nuisance. The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District is concerned primarily with mosquitoes, yellowjackets, bees, ticks, and black gnats. Mosquitoes are the main focus of the abatement program and the technicians concentrate mainly on rice fields, wetlands and other bodies of still water. Control methods include insecticides and integrated pest management techniques.

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Yolo County Juvenile Hall

One of the Grand Jury's mandated duties is to tour the Juvenile Hall facilities. This tour was made in mid-January and was led by a Juvenile Hall supervisor.

At the time of our tour, the population of the hall was thirty-seven. There are thirty beds in the facility and twenty-two sleeping rooms. Additional beds are set up in the classroom during overflow situations. Forty-seven wards was the highest population in recent history. The age range was 14 -17 years old, but younger wards have been housed. Male and female wards are housed separately but eat and attend classes together. Each ward spends approximately four hours in class daily. Meals are prepared by the staff at the Monroe Detention Center and brought to the hall. The average stay is sixteen days, but some had been in the hall up to one year.

The hall is authorized to have fifteen staff members; however, at the time of the tour, there were five vacancies. The turnover of staff is high due to higher wages and better benefits in surrounding counties.

Security measures seemed to be high. In 1994, nine wards escaped. All but one were found within hours, but due to this event, security measures were increased. No escapes have occurred since that time.

Living conditions at the Juvenile Hall seemed austere at best. Some wards flood their cells. Water is regulated in those cells. Instances of vandalism and disruptive behavior were observed.

The facility is aging physically and there is not adequate space to house the wards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

99-36 The Board of Supervisors should investigate the funding, building, and adequate staffing of a new facility to house juveniles.

99-37 The 1999-2000 Grand Jury should fully investigate the Yolo County Juvenile Hall.

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

All recommendations and their corresponding findings

Yolo County Morgue

The Grand Jury toured the Yolo County Morgue in November 1998. The morgue, which is adjacent to the Sheriff's Department, was relocated from Yolo County General Hospital in July 1997. During the planning stages of the buildings, staff provided suggestions to make the workspace more functional. The facilities appear clean and well equipped.

The Sheriff-Coroner's staff consists of four Deputy Coroners, two student interns, and five contracted physicians. Not all staff are full-time employees. On average, the Coroner's office handles 550 investigations a year.

End Notes

Endnotes

1 The following were sworn in as grand jurors but were unable to complete their terms: Morton Rothstein (Davis), Lawrence Howell (Knights Landing), and Donna Franco (Woodland).

2 Sections 933 and 933.05

3 Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center Memorandum of Understanding, March 1996

4 Yolo County Board of Supervisors Minutes, February 16, 1999

5 California Attorney General's Office, Daniel E. Lundgren, Attorney General, *Child Victim Witness Investigative Pilot Project, Research and Evaluation Final Report*, June 1994